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Upgrade status, PLO asks Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 11. (AP): The PLO has sought to boost world-wide recognition of its nationhood by asking the Security Council for the right to speak as the state of Palestine, rather than as an organisation.

Only nations have the right to address the Security Council directly, so acceptance of the request to speak as "Palestine," as it is now known in the General Assembly, would be an important symbolic victory in the PLO's quest for diplomatic acceptance.

The PLO has had to find another nation, usually an Arab state, to present its views to the council.

A vote of nine of the 15 members of the Security Council would permit the PLO to directly address the council, which the PLO's deputy alternate delegate, Riyad H. Mansour, said would be a "form of upgrading our status."

On such simple procedural matters, the five permanent council members — the United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France and China — do not have veto power. They can veto substantive political resolutions.

Israeli jets raid bases of Abu Nidal

SIDON, Jan 11. (AP): Israel staged its first air raid on Lebanon this year late tonight, with warplanes bombing the bases of Palestinian commando Abu Nidal on the outskirts of this southern port, police said.

At least four fighter-bombers streaked to bomb camps of Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council in Bktusa and Majdalayun valley four miles (six kilometres) east of Sidon, police reported.

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PARIS, Jan 11. (Agencies): The world community solemnly pledged today to rid the earth of chemical weapons and to reach agreement rapidly on how to make the ban stick.

Foreign ministers and officials from 149 countries closed the biggest conference on chemical weapons for more than 60 years with a ringing declaration forged during hours of tense negotiations.

Participating states ... are determined to prevent any recourse to chemical weapons and condemn such use," the 600-word statement said.

"This conference has marked a major step along the road to the total elimination of chemical weapons," French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas commented at the end of the five-day conference.

Signal

The declaration, adopted by consensus, marked a diplomatic triumph for France which with Finland led efforts to find common ground between major powers and the Third World.

The Paris conference achieved its main purpose, delegates said. It sent the clearest political signal to the Geneva conference on disarmament that negotiations there on chemical weapons now had top priority.

A convention banning the development, research, production, stockpiling and use of poison gases should be agreed at Geneva "as a matter of

urgency," the statement said. Iraq escaped the humiliation of being named as the last country to have violated the 1925 protocol banning the use of chemical weapons in wartime.

Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz of Iraq said he and his Arab colleagues finally decided not to take a position that would prevent the success of the conference.

Arab delegates "tried to draw attention to the particular situation in our region," Aziz said at a news conference.

Obstacle

"Where there is one country that has nuclear weapons and that country that has mass destruction weapons is not a signature to the Non-proliferation Treaty ... and has refused to reach peace ... that nation constitutes a real threat to the peace and security of the region," Aziz said.

Arab countries had wanted the final declaration to link nuclear disarmament to chemical disarmament. Their position was that so long as Israel maintained a nuclear force, its neighbours needed to have chemical arms. Including the word "nuclear" in the final document became the main obstacle to a final declaration.

Aziz also said his country will not export chemical weapons technology learned during its war with Iran.

The text went through six drafts and officials haggled through the night before all sides could agree on its wording.

But delegates from both superpowers and their allies felt they succeeded in preventing any formal linkage between chemical and nuclear disarmament.

Arab states led the Third World bloc in pressing for a strong link, arguing that it was unfair to ban chemical weapons known as "the poor man's deterrent," while industrial powers kept their arsenals of nuclear and conventional arms.

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Abuses

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Abuses

It also urged a wider role for UN investigators of alleged abuses and pledged to open up the Geneva conference on disarmament which is currently restricted to 40 members.

But before a convention emerges the highest hurdle — effective verification — will have to be overcome. Chemical weapons are easier to make and disguise than any other modern armaments.

Only the United States and the Soviet Union acknowledge having stocks and yet both say the Armies of about 20 countries are in the chemical club.

France said 149 countries, or virtually the whole of the United Nations family, were represented in Paris.

90 Pakistanis drowned on way to funeral

ISLAMABAD, Jan 11. (Agencies): About 90 people drowned on their way to a funeral when their boat broke up in a river in Pakistan's Punjab province, the official APP news agency said today.

Officials said only 35 of the 125 people aboard escaped by swimming to the banks of the Ravi in Punjab's Sahiwal district after the vessel overturned yesterday, the agency reported.

The boat hit a piece of iron laid across the river to make a temporary bridge, overturned and broke into pieces, APP said. The passengers were going to a relative's funeral. State-run television had said earlier that more than 20 people had drowned in the incident.

The Pak Times said only seven bodies had been recovered by last night. An official was quoted as saying that Army swimmers were asked to help with the rescue or recovery of dead victims.

The Pak Times said: "We will abrogate any law contradicting the Holy Quran or the Prophet's sunna," SPA reported.

"We have also announced that Friday is a holiday. We distribute free copies of the Holy Quran in Arabic," she said.

She also said her country supported the Palestinian cause and would raise the status of the PLO representative in Islamabad to an ambassador.

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Benazir (centre) performing one of the rituals for umra. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pledge to implement Islamic law

Benazir performs umra

RIYADH, Jan 11. (Reuters): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, on her first trip abroad since taking office last month, completed her pilgrimage to the Islamic holy cities of Makkah and Madina.

Benazir, the first woman prime minister of a Muslim nation, visited Prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) mosque in Madina before meeting Pakistani residents of the city — the second holiest in Islam.

Benazir, 35, then planned to travel to Dhahran in Saudi Arabia's eastern province. Members of her entourage declined to say if she would meet King Fahd before leaving for home tomorrow.

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Abu Nidal group most dangerous

US publishes book on terrorist groups

WASHINGTON, Jan 11. (Agencies): The United States named the Abu Nidal group as "the most dangerous terrorist organisation in existence" in a new Pentagon publication and said Libyan terrorism appears to be on the rise.

Meanwhile, a Defence official, who spoke only on the condition that he not be identified, said Iran's state-sponsored terrorism

"over the past number of years" has been more dangerous and threatening to Washington than Libya's.

The 131-page book, "Terrorist Group Profiles," lists all of the terrorist organisations in the world, contains background on the groups and leaders, and cites the crimes the US government believes they committed.

"The release (of the report) at

Withdrawal from Iranian territory must be negotiated

Iraq won't pull back its forces

BAGHDAD, Jan 11. (Reuters): Iraq today rejected an Iranian demand that it withdraw from Iranian territory still under its control and said such a pullout must be negotiated.

Meanwhile, Britain has said it would withdraw its force of three ships sent to the Gulf in 1987 to clear mines laid during the Iran-Iraq war.

Progress

The Iraqi government newspaper Al Jumhuriya said in an editorial that "the question of withdrawal of forces is another obstacle laid by Iranian rulers in the way of negotiations."

"How can there be any withdrawal before the authentication of the ceasefire in the air, on the sea and on the ground? How can there be such a withdrawal with-

out negotiations?" it asked.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said in Paris on Monday that chances for progress in Gulf peace talks seemed dim because Iraq was still occupying Iranian territory and withdrawal to international boundaries "is not an issue for negotiations."

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out negotiations?" it asked.

Recall

Iranian Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz, in a message to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Friday, said Iraq was ready to receive him and his

representative Jan Eliasson in Baghdad to discuss the resumption of peace talks.

The message, published by the Iraqi News Agency INA, said Iran was to blame for the slow progress in the talks.

Aziz said Velayati, who had

written earlier to the UN chief, hoped to negotiate a truce with the Iraqis independently of the talks. But such a withdrawal must be negotiated within the framework of UN ceasefire Resolution 598, Aziz said.

A Western diplomat said Britain's Navy's minesweeper force found and destroyed 10 mines in just over a year of operations, he said.

A Western diplomat said Britain's Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe told Gulf leaders during a tour of the area last week of Britain's decision to withdraw the minesweepers.

"Gulf leaders had no objections to the plan. One said it was a sign things are returning to normal," the diplomat said.

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Midland disaster probe

Sound engine was turned off before jet crashed: investigators

LONDON, Jan 11, (UPI): The pilot in Britain's second aviation disaster in 18 days knew one of the Boeing 737's two engines had caught fire but the sound engine was turned off before the new aircraft crashed in central England, killing 44 people, investigators said today.

The Transport Ministry refused to comment on why the engine that should have carried the British Midland Airways commuter flight on Sunday night from London's Heathrow airport to Belfast, Northern Ireland, with 126 people aboard, to safety was shut down.

Human error and an instrument malfunction were among the possibilities for the engine shutdown raised by airline experts.

NBC news quoted US government sources as saying the pilots turned off the wrong engine, causing the crash.

The sources said that just before the crash, the crew apparently realized what they had done and tried to restart the right engine, which could have carried the Boeing 737-400 to the final hundreds of feet of the runway.

Outrageous

Transport Ministry spokesman Paul McKie said suggestions that the crew switched off the wrong engine were "no more than speculation. There will be no firm conclusions until the engines are cut away (from the wreckage) and examined."

"It's absolutely outrageous for the press to be talking about a shutdown in error. We think it's absolutely unjustified at the moment," said Freddie Yetman, Technical Secretary of British Airline Pilots Association.

"It could be the pilot's error—that's not impossible. But it's

unthinkable that a captain could shut down the wrong engine. It may have been a spurious warning and then he found himself caught with the other engine, which was faulty."

British Midland chairman Michael Bishop suggested that Captain Kevin Hunt may have stopped the right engine after a fault alarm signal in the cockpit.

"The issue is what actions the crew took, and why they took them," he said. "We want to be sure of the integrity of the information displayed."

Alarmed

Analysis of the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder from the jet, which monitored which engines were on at a given time and what the pilots were saying, showed that an alarm sounded 15 minutes after leaving Heathrow indicating engine problems and one engine began vibrating.

"Fifteen minutes into the flight the pilot reported fire in the starboard engine. What the investigators found was evidence consistent with a shut down in the starboard engine before impact and they also found evidence of fire in the left engine," said Steve Willmott, a Transport Ministry spokesman.

The crew radioed flight controllers and said they were shutting down the right engine. But evidence from survivors and the wreckage indicated only the left engine was malfunctioning.

Troop pullout

BUDAPEST, Jan 11, (Reuters): Moscow will shortly begin its planned troop withdrawal from Hungary as part of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's proposed arms cuts, Hungary's Defence Minister Ferenc Karpati said yesterday.

Pan Am bomb was planted in jet's forward hold

LONDON, Jan 11, (Agencies): Britain said yesterday the bomb which destroyed a US airliner over Scotland last month killing 270 people was planted in the plane's forward baggage hold.

West German intelligence sources said on Friday that British investigators were working on the theory that the bomb was smuggled aboard the Pan American Boeing 747 at London's Heathrow airport by an airport worker.

"The battle will only end when we clean the area from Hezbollah. We are waiting for the weather to improve to launch a new attack," said Fida, an official with the Amal militia.

At least 115 people have died in 12 days of bitter fighting between Amal and Hezbollah—as they struggle for control of Lebanon's 1.5 million Shiite Muslims.

Independent security sources said the fighting in the mountainous Iqam Al Tufah area had killed 60 people—32 Amal militiamen, 21 Hezbollah fighters and seven civilians—and wounded 67 since Saturday.

Doubted

He said the bomb was located just forward of the wing.

West German intelligence sources said British investigators doubted that the bomb had been placed in luggage arriving at Heathrow on a smaller plane from Frankfurt where the flight began.

Channon's announcement followed speculation by some newspapers that the bomb might have been planted on or near to the jumbo jet's flight deck.

The explosion separated the nose cone from the wreckage of the rest of the airliner, sending it slamming into a hillside five miles (eight kilometres) from Lockerbie.

Channon said, however, that "it is too early to say yet where the article containing the explosive originated."

"Signs of the use of a high-performance plastic explosive, which was very probably, but not certainly proven, point to some well-organized and well-supplied terrorist group," he said, without elaborating.

115 killed in 12 days of bitter fighting

Lebanese Shiite battles rage

entrenched at the eastern end of the town linking them to Ain Buswar, the last Hezbollah position in the area.

Two-thirds of Jubah's 6,000 population have fled.

The Iqam Al Tufah area was a major Hezbollah base for attacks against Israel and its local South Lebanon Army (SLA) allies.

Syria and Iran are trying to end the fighting, with Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati meeting Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus yesterday to discuss the issue before going on the Lebanon's 1.5 million Shiite Muslims.

Iran's IRNA news agency said an Iranian delegation led by Foreign Ministry official Mahmoud Hashemi was already in Lebanon, where Hashemi had met the head of the Supreme Shia Council, Sheikh Mohammad Mehdi Shamseddine.

But Iran's daily Al Abrar newspaper said diplomatic efforts to halt the battle had no hope of success because of pressures from foreign powers.

Diplomatic analysts said the fighting was not expected to damage relations between Iran and Syria, which backed Tehran in its eight-year war with Iraq.

Residents of the battle area spoke of bitterness between the

Shiite rivals.

"There is hatred now among the Shiites. The hatred reached the children and the old," said a woman in Kfar Fila.

"Thank God I don't have relatives in Hezbollah, because had my brother been a Hezbollah member I would have killed him," said Abu Rabih, a 21-year-old Amal fighter just back from the Jubah battlefield.

Amal fighters crouched by a fire in mud-covered fatigues and wool scarves for protection against the cold as machine-guns and artillery bursts reverberated near by.

Prevented

Sniper fire from Hezbollah prevented journalists from reaching Jubah, where witnesses said bodies lay in muddy streets and the wounded lay bleeding in the brown stone houses.

Fida, the Amal military official, said Hezbollah was receiving reinforcements through rugged hills and valleys linking Iqam Al Tufah to the western part of Lebanon's Bekaa valley.

The valley is controlled by Syrian troops but several hundred Iranian Revolutionary Guards have bases there since 1982.

Security sources said 17,000

people had fled several small towns and villages in the Iqam Al Tufah area, with a population of around 120,000. But many residents said they were not leaving their homes.

In Kfar Fila, one of three villages where close-quarter battles raged two days ago, old men and black-clad women were still traumatised by the ferocity of the fighting.

"What happened would turn your hair grey. It had nothing to do with Islam. It was criminal," said Kfar Fila headman Ali Mohammed Kassim.

He said people feared renewed Hezbollah attacks after Amal wounded 21.

Amal militiamen raided houses, confiscated weapons and searched hills around the villages for Hezbollah fighters. They blew up eight Hezbollah houses in the three villages and burned down others.

The villagers said 20 Amal members were missing, while Amal was holding some 15 Hezbollah captives.

In Kfar Fila, 15 Amal militiamen captured a 17-year-old Hezbollah member and beat him with rifle butts before bundling him into the boot of a car to the cheers of villagers.

Arab League meeting on Libyan-US dispute today

TUNIS, Jan 11, (Reuters): Foreign ministers began to arrive in Tunis today for emergency Arab League sessions on the Libyan-US dispute and the constitutional crisis in Lebanon.

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US publishes book on terrorist groups

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The Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC)—widely known as the Abu Nidal organisation—is the most dangerous terrorist organisation in existence, and its area of operations is one of the most extensive," the publication states.

The group is cited for machine gun and grenade attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports in 1985 that killed 16 people and injured 60.

Most recently, the book said, it carried out the May 1988 attack in Khartoum on the Acropole Hotel and Sudan Club where eight people were killed and 21 wounded, including five Americans.

The publication listed Iran and Afghanistan as "among the most notorious state sponsors of terrorism."

The Iranians are the most lethal terrorists "if you're talking body count," the Defence official said. But the "terrorism directed by Iran for the most part been very goal-oriented and discriminate," unlike that of Abu Nidal.

Mended

Syria, once listed by the US as a terrorist state, appears to have mended its ways, the publication said.

The book did not list any US-supported guerrilla groups—which President Reagan referred to as "freedom fighters"—such as the Contras seeking to overthrow the leftist government in Nicaragua.

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Reagan defends US pilots

WASHINGTON, Jan 11, (AP): President Reagan has defended the Navy pilot who shot down two Libyan jets over the Mediterranean last week, insisting the Americans "were justified in doing what they did."

Reagan, in a photo session with President Jose Azcuna of Honduras, was asked about a published report that the two Navy pilots who downed the Libyan MIG23s fired after their commander had informed them they were in a cautionary "warning yellow" situation, rather than in the "red" condition reserved for fire-at-will encounters.

Syria supports the government of Sunni Muslim Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss while Iraq backs the administration of Army commander Michel Aoun, named by Anis Gemayel as caretaker prime minister when his term as president ran out last September.

Pakistan's European middleman

AMSTERDAM, Jan 11, (AP): A Dutch engineer has served as Pakistan's major European agent in the Asian nation's alleged attempts to build an atomic bomb, a published report said today.

The engineer assisted Abdul Qadir Khan, a top official in Pakistan's nuclear programme in buying steel and sophisticated electronic equipment in Western Europe, Amsterdam's De Telegraaf reported.

Khan, who is currently the head of an uranium enrichment plant in Kahuta, Pakistan, was sentenced in 1985 in absentia by a Dutch court to a four-year jail term for stealing confidential papers from a Dutch enrichment plant.

Fur designer dies

MILAN, Jan 11, (AP): Jole Veneziani, one of Italy's most renowned high-fashion fur designers, died in her Milanese home yesterday, her family reported today. She was 87.

Veneziani, who had retired from the fashion business four years ago, was considered one of the most popular and innovative designers in the 1960s. She was one of the first to use unusual colours for her production of furs.



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Japan plans very tight security at Hirohito's funeral

TOKYO, Jan 11, (Reuters): Japanese police will mount their biggest security operation ever for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito next month which is to be attended by many world leaders including the next US President, George Bush.

A spokesman for the metropolitan police department said at least 32,000 officers will be mobilised to prevent any terrorist acts by extremists opposed to the imperial system and particularly to Hirohito, who died last Saturday aged 87.

The funeral is scheduled for Feb 24.

"Left-wing guerrilla groups, especially the Chukaku-Ha (central core faction), staged anti-emperor campaigns after Emperor Hirohito fell ill last September," another police official said.

"We fear that they (guerrilla groups) will set a major target for attack on the state funeral," he said.

Despite similar security measures at the time of the Tokyo summit in May 1986, the Chukaku-Ha managed to fire four powerful homemade rockets over the heads of President Reagan and other leaders in a hair-raising incident at the opening ceremony.

Embarrassment

The rockets caused only minor damage to a pavement near the Akasaka guest house where the ceremony was taking place but the incident and a number of similar attacks were a major embarrassment to the Japanese police.

"We can't let that happen again," one officer said.

He said the security operation for the funeral would be larger than for the Tokyo summit because of the larger number of dignitaries and the complex arrangements for the procession and funeral.

Besides the radical leftists, a number of citizen's groups and religious organisations have said they will stage rallies to protest against the funeral, which they say contravenes the constitution.

US expects Soviets to meet Afghan pullout deadline

WASHINGTON, Jan 11, (Reuters): President Reagan said last night the United States expected the Soviet Union to complete its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan by next month's deadline despite Moscow's suggestion it may not be able to do so.

"The last word we've had from them is that they're going to achieve this (withdrawal) by the 15th of February," Reagan said. His statement came in reply to reporters' questions at the start of a meeting with Honduran President Jose Azcuna.

Earlier, the White House and State Department were quick to react to a senior Soviet official's suggestion that his country might not meet the deadline, to which Moscow committed itself under a UN-mediated agreement last April.

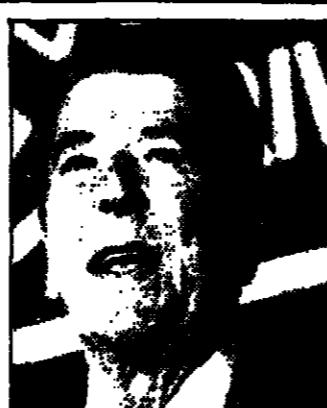
State Department spokesman Charles Redman said preparations for a second stage of Soviet troop withdrawal, which was

handed in November, had resumed.

"There's certainly no reason that they can't be out by Feb 15th. The withdrawal has resumed, for some days now. So as a consequence, we certainly expect them to be out," Redman told reporters.

But pressed on whether additional Soviet troops had actually left the country or if there was just a start-up for the final stage of withdrawal, he replied: "The latter." At a news conference in Moscow yesterday, Yuri Vorontsov, a Kremlin troubleshooter just back from inconclusive talks with Afghan rebel leaders in Pakistan and Iran, said: "It is too early to talk about a (withdrawal) schedule."

"We have to see how things shape up," Vorontsov said. He added there was a danger that "circumstances could arise under which the Soviet Union will be unable to do what we have, in principle, decided to do."



Reagan: hopes

"We still expect them to meet the deadline," White House spokesman Marin Fitzwater told reporters.

"We have seen the same kind of statements over the last several months, going as far back as September and October, (and) during the meeting President Reagan had with (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev in New York. They have continually raised these concerns because of the situation there. But we simply want to hold them to their commitment," Fitzwater said.

The Soviet Union has complained that the United States in connection with Pakistan has continued to supply arms to Muslim guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

Sri Lanka lifting state of emergency

COLOMBO, Jan 11, (Reuters): Sri Lanka's state of emergency, in force for five and a half years, will be lifted tonight, Information Minister Festus Perera told a news conference.

The emergency, which gave security forces virtually unlimited powers to deal with a Tamil rebellion in the north and east and a violent Marxist group in the south, was first imposed in May 1983.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa has promised that the emergency, which was due to lapse next Sunday if not extended by presidential decree, will not be reimposed.

The decision to end the emergency was taken at a meeting of the caretaker cabinet headed by Premadasa, who was elected President last month but has retained his former post of prime minister pending general elections on Feb 15.

Perera declined to give further details but said a statement on

the emergency would be issued later today.

Premadasa, addressing provincial officials, said the emergency could be lifted in view of reduced activity by the Tamil separatists, and the radical People's Liberation Front in the south.

Killing

But a few hours after he spoke, two election candidates, one of them the assistant secretary of the main opposition Freedom Party, were killed along with their bodyguard in an apparent politically-motivated gun and bomb attack in the southern town of Wadduwa.

Attorney-General Sunil de Silva said troops could be used for limited operations once the emergency ended.

"Troops return to barracks once the emergency is over but sections of the Public Security Act could be invoked under normal law using security forces for limited work," he said.

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (AP): At least six people died yesterday in a cold wave that swept northern India on what the meteorological office said was the coldest day of the season, news agencies said.

A total of 24 people now have died in the week-long cold spell that hit the capital and the northern states of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh, the Press Trust of India news agency said.

According to the meteorological office, the present cold wave will last another three days. United News of India, another news agency, said.

In a country identified more with the heat of the long summers, the period from December through February each year, relatively mild by Western winter standards, brings a renewed challenge to millions of people who are without adequate food, clothing, or shelter.

The government response to a rebel offensive last spring has been so severe as to drive hundreds of thousands to hide in the bush or flee into communist Ethiopia, said a report released by the agency, Community Aid Abroad (CAA).

"The government response to the attack has been particularly brutal and without regard to civilian casualties," the report said. "There is ample evidence that civil casualties have been deliberately inflicted so as to destroy support" for the rebel Somal National Movement (SNM).

Rape

In the northern town of Erigao, the base for CAA's public health work, "looting, raping and bashing are commonplace" and a 13-year-old girl was raped by six soldiers, the report said.

A man leaving the town with money and food was robbed, beaten and shot by the military, the group added. "His body was dumped in the town and was eaten to the waist by hyenas."

In another town, 103 men, women and children were slaughtered in reprisal after two soldiers were killed by a land mine, the report said.

Rome probing US allegations against Libya

Italy has no proof of chemical plant

ROME, Jan 11: The Italian government said that it has not yet received conclusive evidence to support US allegations that Libya has a plant to produce chemical weapons.

Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti and Defence Minister Valerio Zanone said the government is still seeking "all the elements" about the nature of the Libyan factory.

"We are in the presence of data that have to be verified," Andreotti told the Chamber of Deputies.

The government will report to parliament (on the matter) as soon as the elements are available," Zanone said.

Libya, a former Italian colony, maintains that the plant will produce medicines. The United States charges that the factory, located at Rabta, about 95 kms southwest of Tripoli, is designed to produce poison gas.

Steps

Andreotti stressed that if the US accusations are true, "we will not hesitate to condemn (Libya) and take the necessary consequent steps in our relations (with Tripoli)."

"No one in good faith can tell us that we want to ignore or

underestimate the most worrisome elements of Libya's attitude," he said.

He and another State Department official, who asked not to be identified, downplayed speculation Washington was seriously considering a military attack against the plant at Rabta, which Libya denies is intended for chemical arms manufacture.

Zanone, citing information provided to him by the commander of the US 6th Fleet, gave details of last Wednesday's dogfight over the Mediterranean in which US fighter jets shot down two Libyan MIGs.

Diplomacy

A US diplomatic campaign has made a disputed Libyan facility less likely to go into operation, produce chemical weapons and require American military intervention, a senior US official said.

Because of the US effort, "the world spotlight is focussed on it (the Libyan facility) and it would seem more difficult for Western companies to step forward and become involved in it," the official added.

"Plus governments are looking more closely now" at what firms in their countries export in the way of chemicals and equipment.

Blast kills one in Bangladesh

CHITTAGONG, Jan 11, (AP): Bombs rocked the southern port city of Chittagong, killing one person and injuring 20 yesterday during protests against a meeting of fundamentalist Muslims, police said.

An eight-hour-long strike in Chittagong, a city of three million, about 200 kilometres southeast of the capital Dhaka, was called to protest the Muslim fundamentalist meeting called to interpret the Quran, the Muslim holy book.

The meeting, sponsored by the Muslim Jamaat-e-Islami party, was initially banned, but allowed

Israel to replace Mossad chief

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 11, (Reuters): The head of Israel's vaunted espionage agency Mossad is to retire after the High Court of Justice authorised publication of an article criticising him, security sources said today.

The court yesterday for the first time overruled a ban by Israel's military censor and authorised the Tel Aviv weekly Ha'ir to print an article questioning the competence of the spymaster, whose identity may not be disclosed.

The article, written last August and to be published finally on Friday, blames him for blunders by the spy service, including the discovery of false passports in West Germany and the expulsion of Mossad agents from Britain last year.

Military censor chief Brigadier General Yitzhak Shani argued in court that public criticism of the Mossad chief might affect the agency's ability to operate and harm its ties with foreign intelligence services.

Threat

But the court said in its ruling: "The way to achieve a balance between security and freedom of speech is to maintain freedom of speech and apply restrictions only when there is absolute certainty of real threat to the country's security. And when no alternative is available."

Security sources said the Mossad director had been due to retire anyway last October but his term was prolonged to enable Israel's incoming government to agree on a successor after November general elections.

The new spy chief would be appointed soon by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Vice-Premier Shimon Peres, they said.

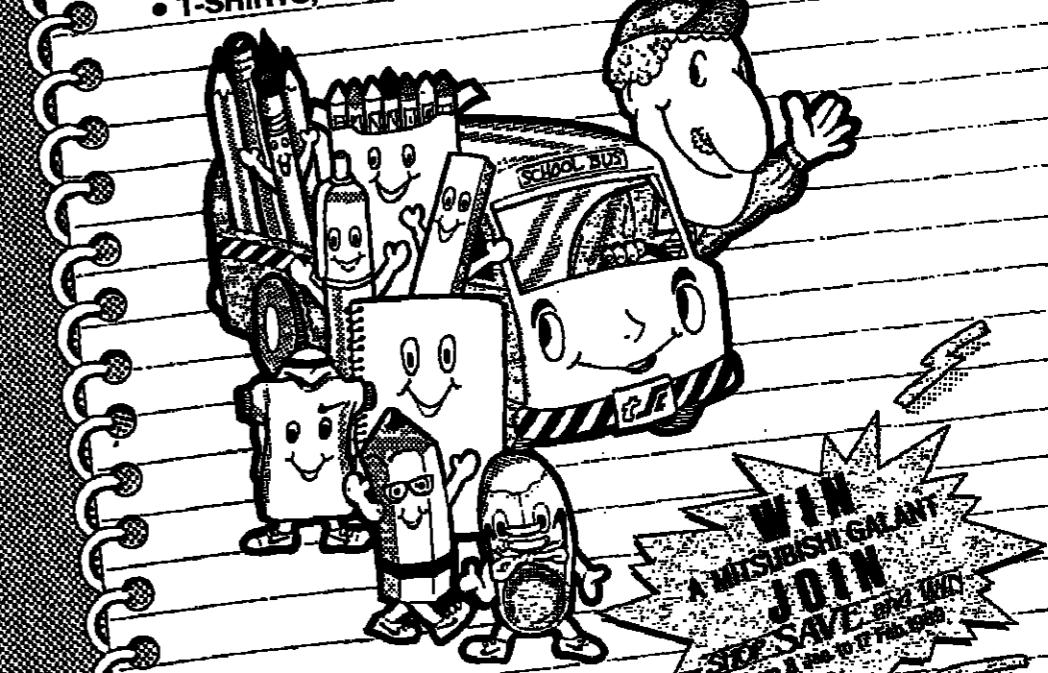
Former Mossad head Isser Harel said he did not believe public criticism of the agency would damage state security.

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Cabinet approves various draft decrees at special session

KUWAIT, Jan 11, (KUNA): The Council of Ministers held an extraordinary meeting today under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

State Minister for Housing Affairs and acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Nasser Abdulla Al Roudhan said the meeting was devoted to consideration of a number of draft decrees submitted by the legislative committee.

Roudhan said the cabinet finalised discussion on a draft decree concerning amendment of some articles of the Civil Service Act with the aim of bringing into effect some recommendations reached by specialised committees on the development of the state's administrative apparatus.

He said the bill tackled organisation of administrative leaderships as a first stage within the framework of further stages of a comprehensive plan for management development.

He said the bill includes a clause providing for appoint-

ments in leading posts temporarily for four years which could be renewed.

Roudhan said renewal, secondment and transfer of appointees in those posts is subject to an Amiri Decree. The cabinet decided to approve the draft decree in its second reading stage prior to submitting it to the Amir.

He said the cabinet considered a draft decree on the amendment of some articles of the law of insurance companies and insurance agents for 1961 which includes provisions meant to guarantee supervision and control over subsidiaries of foreign insurance companies. The financial aspect and the rights of bill holders are ensured by the decree.

Roudhan said the cabinet decided to endorse the bill in its first reading stage prior to approving it in the upcoming meeting.

Roudhan said the cabinet also reviewed some other draft decrees and decided to finalise their discussion in a further meeting.

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Two British sailors killed in Dubai car crash

MANAMA, Jan 11, (AP): Two British Royal Navy sailors serving aboard the fleet auxiliary Diligence, one of the ships in the British naval force in the Gulf, were killed in a car accident, Navy officials reported today.

Three other sailors were seriously injured and hospitalized in the southern Gulf emirates of Dubai where the Diligence was anchored, said the officials, who spoke on condition

they were not named.

The accident occurred last night as the sailor's car ran into a slow-moving truck, the officials reported.

They declined to identify the men, all on shore leave, until their families have been notified.

The Diligence is one of eight Royal Navy warships, minesweepers and auxiliary vessels that form the Armilla Patrol, Britain's flotilla in the Gulf.

Engineering faculty suffers staff shortage

THE Petroleum and Engineering College of Kuwait University is currently suffering from an acute shortage in its teaching staff, according to Dr Hassan Al Alawi, the dean of the college.

He said that the University Council has agreed to establish departments for petroleum and industry. Students will be accepted into these colleges at the beginning of the first semester of the 1989/1990 academic year.

He added that university administrators are still studying a proposal on the establishment of an architectural engineering department. He said that the number of Kuwaiti students is increasing annually and it is therefore vital that the job market should be filled with university graduates.

The university admission policy is designed to match the requirement of both university and society, the official said and supported the idea of founding a private university in Kuwait.

Committee appointed for parking lots at Embassies Complex

AN official source at the Ministry of Public Works said that the Public Works Minister, Abdul Rahim Ibrahim Al Houti has appointed a technical committee from the maintenance department at the ministry to look into the building of car parking lots at the Embassies Complex.

The minister called upon the committee to take immediate measures to build parking lots to accommodate the large number of cars at the Embassies Complex, last Sunday.

The source added that the committee headed by the maintenance department director Aida Al Khalidi visited the location and saw that the entry gate which also serves as an exit for parked cars is too narrow. Many accidents have taken place at the same location.

The source pointed out that direct contacts are being made between the ministry and Kuwait Municipality to build a new parking lot.

Decrease in unsolved crimes, says Interior Ministry official

THE number of unsolved crimes has reduced remarkably during the past two years, according to Col. Mohammed Al Shatti, director of the Statistics Department at the Ministry of the Interior.

In an interview with a local daily, Shatti clarified that the percentage has dropped to 3.5 per cent of the country's crimes. He added that this reflected the effectiveness of the Ministry of Interior's security apparatus and the success attained by security men towards pursuing suspects and criminals.

Shatti said that dud cheque cases had increased, reaching their highest in the Capital which showed 27 per cent of dud cheque cases. Hawalli 20 per cent of the total and Ahmad 14 per cent.

The number of premeditated murder crimes, battering and fraud have decreased too.

The official praised security efforts in pursuing liquor and drug smugglers adding that they have minimised contraband in the country. However, he felt that these efforts should be combined with an educational awareness campaign in the community and especially in schools.

Shatti claimed that the number of crimes committed by females was relatively low. Crimes committed by women were usually quarrels, shoplifting or dud cheques.

Hawalli was the area where the highest percentage was recorded. This, added the official, is due to its dense population.

He claimed that necessary measures were taken by the department to follow up the statistical process at Farwaniyah Governorate. A computer will be installed at the governorate this year.

Non-payment of wages an unjust action, says Rashed Al Falah

Thousands of Asian workers suffer deprivation



Most Asian workers live in squalid conditions in Kuwait. This one room is used by labourers as living quarters as well as a kitchen.

workers in Kuwait, of which over 20,000 are maids and servants.

There are also 52,000 Bangladeshi workers; 35,000 Filipinos (mostly maids) and 100,000 Sri Lankan workers (about 40,000 being maids and servants) in Kuwait.

Workers are hired with promises of attractive salaries and free accommodation, however, on arrival they realise that the promises are just that. Even their modest salary is frequently deducted by employers who claim that the deduction pays for food or savings for the return ticket.

Between five and ten Asian workers are usually crowded into

a single, narrow, unhealthy, non-airconditioned room, thereby breaking a Kuwaiti labour law (which states that workers should have comfortable accommodation). A worker claimed that inspectors are only shown the cleaner and larger rooms.

The workers blame agents in their countries who brought them to work in Kuwait as they forged contracts and broke laws.

Using Asian workers has become a profitable trade as it does not require a large capital and the demand on such workers is rising continuously.

The Chairman of Kuwait Labourers Union, Rashed Al Falah, called on officials to study

and settle the workers' payment problem when the workers pleaded for help from the Kuwaiti government. He described the behaviour of employers as unjust.

Although the ministry sympathises with workers, there is no law which protects and organises labour employment. Also, as a free market, there is no minimum wage limit, such wages depend on the principle of supply and demand.

Workers and their embassies have called for the development of a salary scale for workers in the private sector which should be determined by a minimum wage requirement.

Regaine Direct

New hair growth stimulator launched in Bahrain

AT a press conference yesterday at the Regency Hotel in Bahrain, two leading experts on Male Pattern Baldness highlighted its causes and the effectiveness of a new hair growth stimulator. The conference was called to introduce 'Regaine', the product of an American pharmaceutical company.

According to Dr Mohamed Abdulla Al Rashed, a leading professor of dermatology, baldness is not a disease but a phenomenon that affects humans as well as primates. There are two factors causing baldness: genetic and hormonal. He described hair growth in three stages. Hair growth takes place in the first stage lasting three years, followed by a resting stage and eventually shedding stage.

Dr Abdulla emphasised that climatic factors in the Gulf and the Middle East do not affect patients in the region in any way different from those in other parts of the world. He stressed that the symptoms of baldness are the same everywhere.

Dr Anthony Mitchell, head of medical services at Upjohn, UK, stated that to stimulate hair regrowth Regaine needs to be continually applied for life.

He stressed that younger patients will respond to Regaine faster than older ones. According to Dr Mitchell, Regaine offers no guarantee for permanent hair regrowth. He said the main aim is to help people come to terms with their baldness.

Based on a MPB study conducted by Upjohn, doctors claim that nearly 39 per cent of patients responded to Regaine treatment, while 48 per cent express positive response with the new drug.

Medical experts categorically state that Regaine cannot offer any 'miracle cure' to the permanent solution of baldness, but can only help a patient to psychologically and emotionally deal with his baldness over a period of time.

Regaine is available in Bahrain in a package of 30 ml which should last a month after daily use of 1 ml.

Kuwait, Saudi health project for Afghans

THE Chairman of the Kuwait Islamic Da'wa Committee (Call to Islam Committee), Majed Bader Al Sayed Hashem Al Rifai has said that hundreds of Afghan families have crossed the borders into Pakistan to escape the ongoing strife in their country.

He told a press conference that about ten thousand homeless families were now living out in the open between Peshawar and Torkham in northern Pakistan.

He said that a delegation from the committee visited the Afghan refugees and found them labouring under miserable conditions. TB and malaria were common due to polluted drinking water

wells, and a scarcity of much needed vaccines.

He added that the committee was sponsoring a Refugee Health Project fifty kilometres away from the town of Peshawar, which is partly funded by the Saudi authorities. The project aims to provide an integrated health care plan by 1990.

He said that the committee paid KD 250,000 each year for medical and pharmaceutical supplies to refugees and that it funded the establishment of first-aid and nursing training centres for Afghan youths, with programmes taking 60 participants at a time.

Smoking among schoolgirls is on the increase: Awadi

SEVEN per cent of students in Kuwait smoke and nearly a third of the female students do so, according to Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Minister of Planning and head of the Kuwaiti Society for the Prevention of Cancer and Smoking.

He said that the number of smokers among school girls is continuously increasing. A study conducted by the Ministry of Planning revealed that 65 per cent of female students have tried smoking at least once in their life. Awadi declared that this phenomenon is dangerous to Kuwaiti society.

The official pointed out that females who smoke suffer premature ageing, hair loss, swollen eyes and early menopause.

Hazards are doubled during pregnancy, he said and added that smoking is also the main cause of lung diseases, cancer and a warped sense of freedom.

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Momen said that the body, before the age of 20, is capable for renewing all of its cells and hence women who are under 20 can easily stop smoking.

Awadi criticised advertising companies for the promotion of tobacco, adding that by doing so, they help increase the number of smokers.

Dr Hussain Al Momen, head of the School Health Department and General Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of

Geological studies on Al Dahr landslides

THE Council of Ministers has set up a ministerial committee to study the geological aspects of landslides that appeared in Al Dahr and other areas of Kuwait, according to Nasser Al Roudhan, minister of housing affairs and chairman of the committee.

The committee will consist of ministers of oil, communications and higher education.

Roudhan said the committee will study the possibility of establishing a geological department or authority to collect all geological information and data on Kuwait.

The administrative and organisational structure of the authority will be subject to new changes after the decree is issued which merges the Housing Ministry with the authority. Any gaps that appear in the new policy will be filled, the official said.

The January issue of 'As Safar' carries an interview with the director of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Dr Ahmad Al Jassar.

In addition, the monthly carries the second part of a study on the 'best American universities' conducted by Walid Al Mufti, an official from the cultural section in Washington.

Various articles by Kuwaiti students are also published in this latest issue.

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Kuwaiti students abroad saw major developments in 1988

WASHINGTON, Jan 11, (KUNA): Kuwaiti students studying in the US and elsewhere achieved major strides forward during 1988, thanks to Kuwait government efforts which are aimed at improving students' conditions and education, it was emphasised here Tuesday.

Dr Muzzed Al Haroun, Cultural Counsellor in Washington, said in an editorial published in the latest issue of the Kuwaiti student magazine, Al Saffar, that a number of accomplishments were realised in 1988 as far as Kuwaiti students are concerned.

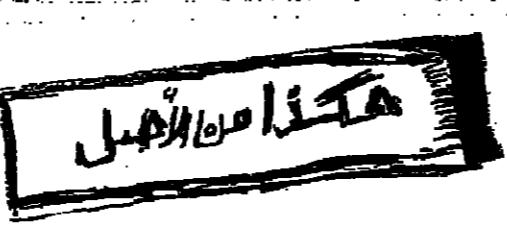
The visits of HH the Amir to the United Nations and of the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to the US in July and based on his visit to the US in July and based on his visit

during 1988, the editorial said.

Other key developments included the Fourth Annual Convention of the Union of Kuwaiti students in the US, where a number of education experts addressed the students and their concerns.

The cultural office in Washington took a series of measures during 1988 aimed at improving educational standards and facilities of Kuwaiti students in the US, who number about 3,000.

Based on a memorandum submitted by Kuwaiti students to the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad during his visit to the US in July and based on his visit to the US in July and based on his visit



Hema Malini: in pursuit of classical dance

By Fathima Ahmed

A COLLAGE of colour symbolising emotions will form the theme of Indian film star Hema Malini's dance-ballet show in Kuwait on Friday.

Hema Malini arrived yesterday for her one-day performance with her group of 12 dancers, boys and girls, who will present a two-and-a-half-hour show featuring eight dance items.

In the backdrop of colours, dancers will give a glimpse of the conflicting emotions — like the rainbow hues symbolising such moods as joy, sorrow, anger and others.

"I would describe the content of the show as semi-classical, a blend of folk art and classical dance. The classical numbers have been modified to attract the present generation of viewers," Hema Malini said.

Most dances are a mixture of Bharatanatyam, kathak, Manipuri, odissi and various folk dances from different parts of India.

Items

Some of the items that will be presented include Ardhna Nareshwar, a dance depicting "shakti" (power); Ritu Rang, a number showing the onset of spring; Triveni, the meeting of three Indian rivers; Indradhanush, representing seven moods and the Holi dance, performed



Hema Malini: dancer-actress to celebrate the festival of colour. Hema Malini will also present excerpts from her dance-ballet called Meera. The

dances have been choreographed by Bhushan Lakandri, who will perform several numbers with Hema Malini.

Hema Malini has been on the Indian film scene for nearly two decades, appearing in scores of commercial films with some of the top heroes of Bombay. Her most memorable performance was in the film "Ek Chadar Mail Si", based on Rajinder Singh Bedi's novel of the same name.

A dancer from an early age and an exponent of Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi and Mohiniattam, she never gave up her first love and gave classical dance recitals in different Indian cities despite her commitment to films. Two years ago she formed her own dance group called Natyavahini Kalakendra to promote classical dances in India.

"There comes a time in life when people must diversify their interests and do things they have always wanted to do," she said.

She gathered a group of talented dancers and trained them to perform such dance-dramas as Ramayana, which she presented in the US last year, and Meera.

Response

She received tremendous response for her recitals, and encouraged, she has decided to devote a great deal of her time to dancing.

"Wherever I have gone, Indian parents have asked me

to send teachers to train their children in classical dances; people want to keep in touch with our cultural heritage and this is an encouraging sign," she said.

She believes dance culture has a bright future in India. "We have a centuries old heritage, and there is no way it will be eclipsed," she said.

Hema has not given up her career in films. "I will act as long as I can," she said, her eyes looking intently at you. She is producing two films — Maarr, a film about the conflict of emotions that arises when a god-fearing woman and a criminal come face to face; and Awaargi, a love-triangle with Anil Kapoor, Meenakshi and Govinda. She is also acting in Deshwasi, Desh Ke Dushman, Jai Kali, Rehai and two as yet untitled ventures.

Hema is also producing and acting in a TV serial called "Nupur", a 13-episode serial on the links between temples and the origin of dances in India. It is being scripted by Gulzar. Nupur also stars Kabir Bedi and Mohan Agash.

Hema is flitting between her film assignments and her own TV production, finding time to cater to her penchant for dance. "We have inherited classical art forms. Why should we forget them?" she asks. She has not forgotten them.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Sultan Gallery

ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghantem Bldg, Al Soor St. Open daily from 5-8pm.

Iwan Gallery

EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salmaia.

Ghadir Gallery

JAN 10-24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

Kuwait Society for Formative Arts

JAN 27 to Feb 5: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

The society invites formative artists, Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti, to submit their works. Rules: The exhibition is open to all plastic artists residing in Kuwait. A maximum of three paintings can be submitted. Only original works which have not been exhibited before in Kuwait or elsewhere will be accepted. The works of art that will go on show will be selected by a committee and the Society retains the right to reject any work of art. The last date for submitting entries is Jan 20. Entries can be delivered from 5 to 8 pm at the premises of the K.S.F.A., Hawalli.

THEATRE

Konkani Drama

JAN 13: 3 pm. Labour Union Hall, Hawalli. The Goa Cultural Association presents Konkani drama entitled "Tyem Sukh Mozo Dusman," written and directed by Rex de Bardez. The cast includes the Mendes Brothers, Anthony and guest-stars from Goa — William de Currim and S. Lemos. For details contact the GCA members.

Festival of Dances

JAN 13: 4 pm and 7.30 pm. Indian film star Hema Malini presents a festival of Indian classical dances and dance drama at the Andalus Cinema. Dinner with the artists will be held at the IAC on Jan 12.

Kuwait Players

Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 17 (7.30 pm) Gala night including buffet. Jan 18 and 25 (6.30 pm) family night. Jan 19/26 matines (3 pm) and evening (7.30 pm). Jan 20: 5 pm, 5.30 pm. Jan 23: 5.30 pm; Madhatten Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland. Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets —



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Gujarati Drama

THE Gujarati community in Kuwait will hold a full-length three-act "play to" to commemorate the Nehru Centenary in May. Gujarati-speaking Indians who are interested in acting or helping backstage are requested to call 5618413 (9 am to 1 pm) or 5653279 (4-7 pm) before Jan 25.

Konkani Drama

FEB 3: The New G.O.A. will present the Konkani drama "Ekuch Kazar" featuring M. Boyer, Betty Naz, Sabina, Rosario Dias and others, at the IAC. For reservations call 2402188.

SOCIAL

Nirjhar show

JAN 13: 6 pm. The Nirjhar Cultural Group will hold a variety show at the Holiday Inn Hotel to celebrate the Victory Day of Bangladesh. The show, originally scheduled for Jan 6, was postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. All invitees are requested to attend. For details call Mahe Alam — 4311856; Firoz — 4310483.

Kapilkul-Flaslek

JAN 13: 6.30 pm sharp. The new officers of Kapilkul and Flaslek will be sworn in at a ceremony at the Meridien Hotel.

Delta Get-together

JAN 13: 4 pm. The participants of the Delta Medical Centre will hold a get-together at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Dr Syed Mokarram Ali will be the chief guest. All DMC participants are requested to attend.

Contact

JAN 14: The next meeting of the ladies information group. Contact will be held at the SAS Tent. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. For details tele. 3720197/4874513/ 5388105.

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HOTELS

At the Ramada

AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arzz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

At the Kuwait International

JAN 14: The Paco de Alba trio from Alicante, Spain, will present the Ballet Espanol featuring classical Flamenco and folklore dances at the Faiaka Restaurant. Spanish food, a la carte, will be served.

The La Palma offers Friday brunch, 11.30 am to 3 pm; hot and cold buffet, family entertainment and light music played by the Soft Trio.

At the Holiday Inn

Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic eastern cuisine and listen to the music played by the Gharibian Trio. Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper club on Thursday nights. Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

At the Pullman

ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

At the Continental

GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

At the Messilah Beach

MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

At the SAS

AL BUSTAN Friday Brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meal prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wanton, sautéed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

At the Holiday Inn

ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

SPORTS

Calling all Marshalls

JAN 12: 5.30 pm. Meeting will be held at the KT Club to discuss the preparations for the 10th Kuwait International Rally. For details call 4832192/ 4832388.

PBAK Non-Pro

bowling league

JAN 13: The second PBAK Filipino non-Pro bowling league will be held.

Friday's schedule: 8.30 am: Caloocan City vs Las Pinas; Makati vs Valenzuela; 11.30 am: San Juan vs Cavite City; Manila vs Quezon City; 2.30 pm: Zamboanga City vs Mandaluyong vs Baclaran City. The tournament has been sponsored by Dollarco and Holiday Inn.

Tennis Clinic

Tennis Clinic starts at the Kuwait International Hotel from Feb. 4. Registration has now begun. For details call Colin Hall, Tel: 2533000.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial

9.45 Tum Tek and Children

10.15 Documentary/Varieties

10.45 L.F.O. Trailer: English film

12.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial

1.00 News

1.05 World today via satellite

1.40 Fawazir Al Munasabat: prepared by Yahya Fakhri, Halaaf, Sabirin.

2.00 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports.

2.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk

9.00 News

10.00 Wrestling

10.45 Amisya Al Jumaa: weekly local programme

11.45 News Summary

11.50 World today via satellite

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial

6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre: a programme for young viewers. The story of a princess who is awakened from a 20-year sleep by a prince.

7.30 T 'n' I: Mr T plays a tough streetwise private eye and his partner is a crusading lawyer, Amanda Taylor. Tonight Mr T helps a press photographer.

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Oldest Rookie: Paul Sorvino plays detective Porter in this police thriller. In this episode he explores the possibility of solving a crime by using psychics.

9.40 Incredible Sunday: a programme on the lines of That's Incredible, it will feature a recreation of the story of the 17-year-old W. German schoolboy who lands his aircraft in Moscow.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

cow's Red Square and other incredible stories.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "The Wind Cannot Read." Starring: Dirk Bogarde, Yoko Tani. The tale of a British pilot in WW II and his romance with a Japanese woman training him for language duty. A 1958 production directed by Ralph Thomas.

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SO MANY events occurred in 1988 that it's hard to keep them all straight. Fortunately my files on the year are in perfect order.

I guess the big story was Dan Quayle walking out on Robin Givens after she humiliated him on the "Wheel of Fortune." Robin did show host Morton Downey, "Dan is no Mike Tyson."

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The Art Buchwald Column

1988: as it really was

how to keep the West Bank, but he doesn't know how to keep a woman."

Leon Helmsley announced that her lifelong ambition was to decorate the inside of a Stealth bomber. "It needs the touch that only a queen could give," she said.

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amount financed by junk bonds they had found in trash cans in an alley next to Drexel Burnham headquarters.

Winding up her eight years as First Lady, Nancy Reagan asked her astrologer what advice to follow now that she was leaving the White House. He replied, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

Ronald Reagan was anxious to know what he should do until his term ended and his astrologer said, "With your popularity at an all-time high, Mr President, why don't you enter yourself in the Kentucky Derby?"

Ollie North tried to get the judge to grant him a mistrial so that he could accept a job as an air traffic controller at Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

Margaret Thatcher and General Noriega are pifft! after she failed to get his alimony payments reduced by a Panamanian judge. During an independence

Canadians became very upset last spring when they heard that James Watt was praying for acid rain.

Wall Street ignored what was going on in the rest of the world. RJR-Nabisco was bought by a syndicate of homeless people from Battery Park, N.Y. They paid a record \$34 billion for the company, the entire



day parade, Noriega explained the breakup to his national guard by telling them, "I want women who keep their promises."

Despite all the vows she made, Barbara Walters did not interview the man in the street during 1988. "I don't do men in the street," Miss Walters told Oprah Winfrey, who had lost 30 pounds on the show that morning.

Forget about Shirley

McLaine and Elvis Presley in 1989. While they are

good friends now, Shirley

said that the only man in

her life is Leonardo da

Vinci, with whom she lived

hundreds of years ago after

he became attracted to her

smile.

Los Angeles Times

Syndicate

Bedtime horror

It's a wintry afternoon. The children are busy, it's cold outside. One mother of five made the fatal mistake of thinking this would be a good time to take a nap ...

By Pat McDermott

FROM the beginning my children took as their motto ... "the only good adult is a wide-awake adult." To them, a sleeping parent means a child is not doing its job.

Personally, I have always made a point of not lying down near children. It's not restful, it's not even safe. Children like to wrestle, violently, for possession of your body, falling heavily and suddenly on sleeping adult tummies. Doze off in your favourite chair and they immediately set fire to the curtains, make popcorn in the microwave and sell the car to a passing stranger.

Knowing all this, why I risked a nap 2 weeks ago I can't explain. I was weary and there was a little headache drumming its heels just above my left eyebrow. Everyone was busy doing their own things. Even the baby was asleep.

I picked up a pile of folded laundry to hide behind in case anyone demanded to know what I was doing loitering in my bedroom in the middle of the day, told the man-of-the-house my plans, and moved quickly but silently upstairs.

1.10 So far, so good. I closed the door noiselessly kicked off my shoes, climbed onto the bed and pulled up the quilt. Bliss.

1.20 I'm still awake. Perhaps I've forgotten how to sleep during the day. After all, the last nap I had was in May 1982 and that was only because I fell asleep trying to turn my mattress.

1.25 I could try knocking myself firmly on the temple with a heavy book — but I think I'll read a chapter instead. It's a book about raising brothers and sisters to love each other. Should put me into a heavy sleep in minutes.

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

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ANSWER: Your "yellowed" friend is displaying the effects of a condition called jaundice, which occurs when pigments found normally in the bile find their way into the blood stream and thus to the skin. That's what is causing the yellow color, but it only indicates a disease without specifically tell-

ing us which one.

Jaundice is caused by a large number of diseases, certainly the most common being viral hepatitis. Most physicians would rank that disease as the No. 1 possible cause of jaundice, but the exact cause may be more difficult to diagnose. Besides a variety of infections, such as malaria, mononucleosis, yellow fever and others, the yellowing condition may be caused by drugs used to control other medical conditions.

More common though, are those conditions which block the flow of bile from the liver to the portion of the small intestines known as the duodenum. These situations range from blockage by gall stones in the small ducts through which the bile normally flows, to the closing of these small and delicate tubes by cancerous growths of the pancreas and of the ducts themselves.

We can use blood tests to distinguish between this type of jaundice, called obstructive jaundice, and the type caused by infections. With X-rays, doctors pinpoint the exact location of the blockage, and then it's up to the surgeon to remove the cause.

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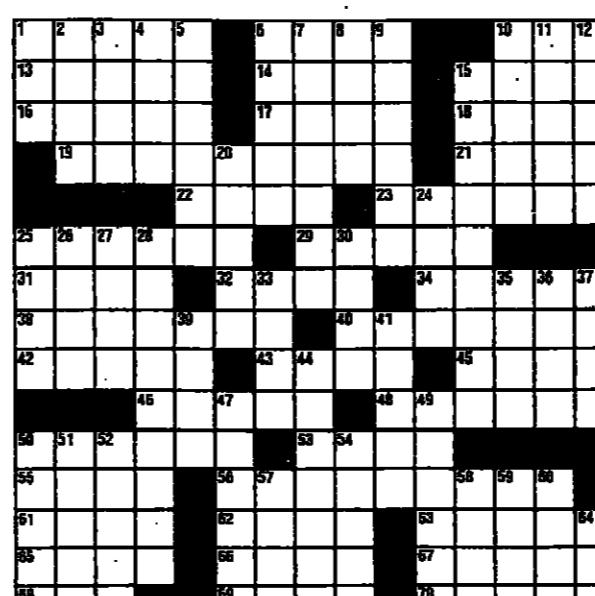
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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Disappointing selection for Indian panorama at Delhi film festival

Poor pickings from a rich harvest

WHEN India plays host to an international film festival in the Indian capital, with the cream of cinema from various countries, it should ensure that its own contribution is equally powerful.

As of this year, the regular festival held every alternate January at Delhi, which used to have a competition section with awards, is also becoming non-competitive. This puts it on the same level as the festivals held in different Indian cities in the intervening year and prestigious fests held in other countries, like the London Film Festival.

While competitive festivals have drawn mediocre or poor entries from abroad, their opposites have obtained some of the best products of contemporary world cinema.

All the more reason why the Indian showing at this year's festival should not give such a lean and feeble impression. The Indian Panorama is the section which is supposed to show the finest films made during the previous year (till September), in different languages and regions. Usually, twenty-one outstanding films are made into a package, which then travels also to other world festivals. But this year only 16 films have been selected. It is unbelievable that from over 800 films produced in the country, the selection committees in four centres could not find 21 good films or more.

Exposition

Since the Panorama is only an exposition of the current Indian Cinema, there is no harm in having 25 to 30 films. The producer concerned can make a sub-titled print, if he wants it to be entered. He would be willing, since the film would have a chance of being exported, obtaining good prices from foreign distributors



Ananya Bhattacharya's Raakhi, is technically brilliant but weak in substance.

or TV networks and even winning awards at some festivals. By limiting the number, we are only reducing the prospects of our own films.

Moreover, what has been selected this year has already done the rounds of foreign festivals and has even won small or medium type prizes, like Sabarmati, Astarjali Yatra, Pesticide, Tamas, Nayakan and Pashupati.

Putting them in the Panorama would serve no purpose. Foreign delegates to the Delhi fete always flock to the theatre showing Indian Panorama films, in the hope of finding some gem from India. But this year, they have already seen most of the films, except some in Tamil and Telugu which in any case are generally not preferred.

The total count shows that

there are five Hindi films, one each in Assamese, Bengali and Telugu, four in Tamil and four in Malayalam. But what about Oriya, Kannada, Marathi, Manipuri, Gujarati and other language films, which are usually of the ethnic variety? Why have they been left out? Some strong films with political overtones were made in Kannada. They were pulled out due to other pressures, perhaps.

Again, why is there only one film from Assam and one from Andhra? In fact, the four in Tamil contrast badly with only one in Telugu, which is the language of Andhra Pradesh, now under the opposition Chief Minister N.T.R. and which makes the largest number of films in a year. Moreover, the Tamil Veedu and Nayakan (remade as "Dayavan") are old films from 1987, which have

already won national awards etc. Surely, a wider variety and fresher stock could have been picked up from regional films.

I am surprised to hear that as many as 105 films were sent by producers for selection in the Panorama. The three regional panels selected 48 films in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. Finally, the central committee at Delhi cut them down to 16, which means a lot of waste for the private as well as public sectors. No wonder there were protests from various sectors of the industry, especially the South. A case was specially made out for the Telugu film Kalki (Eyes). Based on an award-winning novel, which is prescribed for post-graduate studies and translated in several languages, the film has been hailed for its truth and artistic maturity. But it was

dropped from the Panorama.

The Bengalis are bitter that only Gautam Ghosh's Astarjali Yatra was found fit from their excellent lot of films. This movie has already been seen and given an award at Tashkent, and acclaimed at other fests. How would it serve any purpose? No doubt, it is an excellent crusade against cruel ancient practices, where a poor young village girl has to be sacrificed along with an old dying priest, laid near the holy river. An untouchable, played by Shatrughan Sinha, feels strongly about this and tries to rescue her but all in vain.

In the Hindi group too, the pressure of N.F.D.C. — made films is apparent. As a whole, nearly five of the Panorama movies are aided or produced by N.F.D.C. or TV. And they hardly measure up in quality, compared to those made independently. Vijaya Mehta's Pesticide has been criticised as a slow and false film about the small Parsi community. It proved a big box-office failure and also drew a blank at foreign festivals. Similarly Govind Nihalani's Tamas is not a film but a put-together version of a boring TV serial full of moralistic songs. It is disjointed and jumpy in the feature film format.

Realism

Mira Nair's Salam Bombay has been widely shown abroad and was also a winner of some supplementary awards, at Cannes and other places. As it is a joint production, its foreign counterparts have looked after its business abroad. In India, it will be shown commercially at the same time as the festival. So who would go to see it in the Panorama? The kind of things seen and heard in the film are enough to make family audiences blush and wrongly provoke the younger elements in the



A scene from Mira Nair's Salam Bombay. It won a supplementary award at Cannes last year.

opinion of this writer it is a film on aspects, about which Bombay (and India) would feel quite ashamed. The language used is vulgar and debased.

The film has a surface realism which makes it alluring, especially to those Western countries which want to see India as a poor backward country, not able to solve its social problems. On one hand Salam Bombay pretends to deal sympathetically with the plight of homeless children in Bombay's streets. On the other, it goes deeply and erotically into the underworld of prostitution in the worst brothels of the city. Its main child character supplies tea and bread to this red-light area and thereby the film peeps into the private life of whores, pimps, drug addicts and toughies, where crimes are common. Such a film does not deserve to be in an international festival.

Nabendra Ghosh's Hindi Trishagni deals with two monks in an ancient place in 1000 B.C., facing conflicts over a girl. It is a wordy and abstract film. Aditya Bhattacharya's Raakhi is all form and no content. In its



1921: a Malayalam film entry at the Delhi festival

camera placing and lighting it is brilliant, but in substance it is only a tale of rapé, revenge and murder, though put on a realistic level.

The only impact-making film will be the grand Malayalam success 1921, produced by Mammi Mohamed and directed by I.V. Sasi, with the top stars of Kerala. It deals with the controversial event, when the farmers of Malabar revolted against the British. This was the famous

Moplah rebellion, which at the time was portrayed by the British as just a Hindu-Muslim clash. This indeed is a memorable historical.

That leaves us only with the Raj Kapoor retrospective, also a part of the Delhi festival but based on oft-seen old films. Perhaps the English films starring the Indian actress Shabana Azmi, namely Madras Sosatzka and Bengal Nights, will stand for the Indian contribution to the world film.

'Guerrilla cinema' makes an impact

Third World cinema talent was on display at the 32nd London Film Festival held recently. Critics agree that these movie-makers are increasingly becoming a force in the revival of the film industry world-wide.

By Ahmad Vahdatkhah

AFTER more than two decades of eclipse by television in the fight for audiences, the movie industry is making a comeback — and Third World producers and directors are making a special impact of their own.

"Not only is cinema not dead, it's taking an active role in the world of arts and politics, two of the most important elements in the making of man's thoughts," said a recent editorial in the authoritative magazine Screen International.

Critics agree that Third World movie-makers increasingly are becoming a force in the revival of the industry.

Many have emerged from countries where television services are state-controlled and political freedom is restricted, leading to creation of a so-called 'guerrilla cinema' which aims to show the world as it really is.

Under the guise of "commercialism," controversial movies are made with unknown casts and for screening abroad.

One of the many international showcases for Third World talent is the London Film Festival, and the 1988 event — the 32nd — was no exception, with a number of acclaimed movies from Africa, South Asia, the Middle East and Latin America in the programme.

In *Mapantsula* (Thief), Oliver Schmitz takes a penetrating inside look at South Africa's social and political crisis, presenting apartheid from the black point of view.

British cinema consultant Clyde Jeavons hailed the movie as "the first major black anti-government feature" to emerge from within South Africa.

Referring to British director Richard Attenborough's box-office hit Schmitz said, "The point about films like *Cry Freedom*, excellent and purpose-serving though they may be, is that they are confined to a white view of South Africa and

A scene from Voyage Beyond, a Bengali film from India which focuses on *satir*.

Following Simon Bolívar (1969) and Orinoco Nuevo Mundo (1984), Risquez' America, Unknown Land completes a trilogy which explores the centuries-long exploitation of Latin America by Europeans.

"With virtually no dialogue, Risquez' vibrant images show the rape and plunder of every object, plant and mineral, including man himself," said British critic and film director Don Ranvaud.

Nationalist feeling against colonial power is also the theme of *Camp Thiayore*, co-directed by Ousmane Sembene and Thierno Fatty Sow.

A joint production from Senegal, Tunisia and Algeria, *Camp Thiayore* tells how a group of young North Africans gain political consciousness fighting alongside the Allies in World War II, later to use the experience in their own liberation movements of the 1950s.

Turkish and Iranian movies have made an impact on this year's festival by breaking away from the familiar features of the past 10 years — political prisoners in Turkey and war propaganda in Iran.

Ghose's film tells of a young girl married to a man only days away from death, so that when he dies she can be buried on his pyre and deliver "heaven's blessings" on her father.

Basar Sabuncu's Impromtu reflects Turkey's new "European" face and liberalisation of the country's movie industry. It explores themes of love, sex, friendship and death in the meeting of the spouses of two lovers killed in a car crash.

The Iranian cinema, too, has returned to the international scene following years of cultural restriction and lack of funding because of the war with Iraq.

It's a familiar theme in the Indian cinema, but the authenticity achieved by shooting in the Bombay slums makes it a real reflection of life in India today.

A different kind of reflection is seen in the work of Venezuelan director Diego Risquez, who shows Western audiences how their culture and civilisation are perceived by Latin Americans.

The Peddler depicts Iranian peasants who have flocked to the cities after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolution in search of a better life.

Makhmalbaf's journey into the poor areas of Iran reflects the enormous difficulties the country now faces in rebuilding after years of war and political and socio-economic turmoil.

The Iran-Contra scandal is the subject of a documentary by American director Barbara Trent which is certain to raise controversy when shown in the United States.

According to Cover-up: Behind the Iran-Contra Affair, presidential and vice-presidential candidates Ronald Reagan and George Bush made a secret deal with the Khomeini regime to delay the release of American hostages in Iran until after the 1980 election, to ensure the defeat of Democrat Jimmy Carter.

The festival was turning point for the increasing number of Third World women emerging as talented producers and directors.

One of the most remarkable festival movies was *Who will cast the first stone* made by and about women in Pakistan.

The movie includes interviews with women condemned to death by stoning for alleged adultery.

Amid contemporary cinema developments, the festival does not forget the past. Tribute is paid to legendary director D.W. Griffith with screening of his landmark 1916 movie *Tolerance* reprocessed in 70 mm format.

Recounting the fall of Babylon 3,000 years ago, *Tolerance* was a pioneering masterpiece of the epic movie. Said one critic of the time, "Griffith will never tell a story like this again, and nor will anybody else" — Courtesy: Dawn.

Behind the screen

Karan Shah, (Tina Munim's nephew) failed as a hero after his debut in *Jawan*, while his heroine Neelam sped ahead. Now Karan has taken to production with *Chor Pe Mor* with Neelam as the heroine. The girl invited old friend Mayur to join the film's outdoor location. This was like rubbing salt in the wound and a fight ensued. Poor Karan does not want to be a flop lover as well.

From motherly roles, Raakhee is turning to "godly" roles and that too of male idols. She plays Krishna in the new video serial *Dharam Yudh*, which is like a modern industrial version of the epic *Mahabharat*. But different directors are handling six episodes each of the serial. So Raakhee may not know when her role will end.

Vinod Khanna's star value is down in the dumps with just one big flop *Dayavan*. First, producers complained that he had given the bulk of his dates to Feroz Khan. Then they were happy that Vinod was at last free after the film's failure. But now they are worried that they cannot use Vinod's dates because distributors are withdrawing financial support for his coming films. Is this also the reason why Amrita Singh turned away from the hero and went around saying that their marriage was off? She also wants to make some more piles of money from her acting career.

With Aamir Khan's marriage no longer a secret, he attends parties and functions with his wife Reema. The lady is frank enough to say that theirs was a love affair followed by a court marriage (parents kept in the dark). She also appears in one scene of *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* and she insists that Aamir did not have any romance with heroine Juhi. Aamir and wife have also been photographed together, though the lensmen have still to run around, before the two stand or walk together. (Aamir

usually gallops ahead).

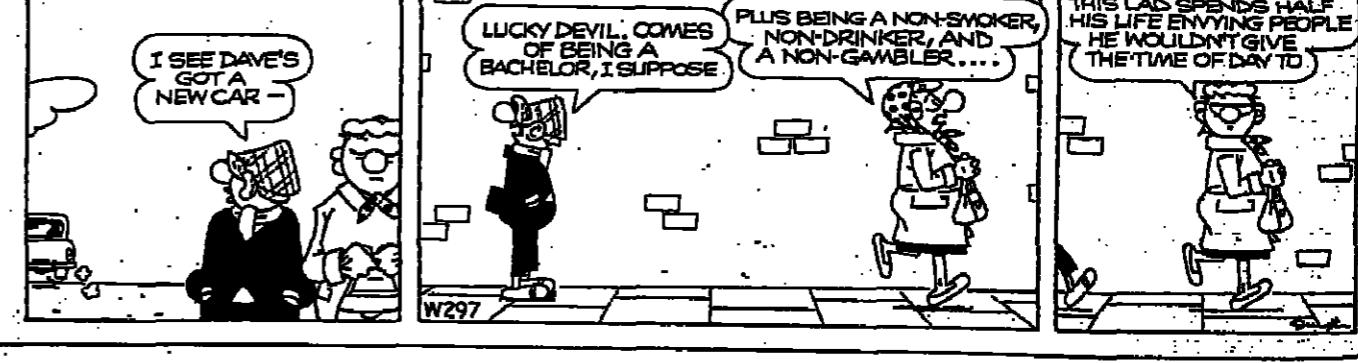
Poor Anita Raj took a lot of trouble preparing her video cassette on fitness exercises and body movement. But it was delayed and she released the tape called *Keeping Fit* at a time when she was not at all fit, being in a high stage of pregnancy. B.K. Chowla, the gallant Gar-ware man kept up her spirits.

N. Chandra's tale is one of slums to skyscrapers. Whether Tezabi runs much or not outside Maharashtra, the producer has already bought up a lot of land and several flats in tall new buildings, in the names of different family members.

Bed time: a heavily pregnant Anita Raj promotes her 'keep fit' cassette with B.K. Chowla

By Smith

ANDY CAPP



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Ten Japanese banks to lend \$5.1b for Nabisco buyout

TOKYO, Jan 11. (AP): Ten Japanese banks will lend a total of \$5.1 billion to US-based Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co. to help finance its leveraged buyout of RJR Nabisco Inc., a bank official said today.

The amount is about what earlier US reports said KKR had expected from Japanese lending sources. It is reputedly the largest amount ever lent by Japanese banks for a leveraged buyout.

The official who provided the figure insisted on not being identified by name or bank, although his bank is one of the 10.

KKR needs \$25 billion for the buyout, which would be the most expensive in history. The company is seeking about \$14.5 billion in loans from banks around the world.

Loans

The majority of Japanese banks reported to have approved loans by Jan 6, the first deadline to be eligible for higher incentive returns, refused to comment on their lending to KKR.

Mitsubishi Bank confirmed it had notified KKR by Jan 6, of its intention to offer a loan, but a bank official, speaking on condition that he not be named, declined to specify the amount.

Officials at other banks said they do not ordinarily provide details about their loan contracts.

One banking source said: "Each bank is directly in contact with KKR."

News reports have said 10 Japanese banks, including Sanwa, Mitsubishi, Daiichi Kangyo, Fuji, Sumitomo, Japan Industrial Bank and Mitsui Trust Bank had notified KKR by Jan 6 of their intention to offer loans for the buyout.

Each agreed to lend between \$350 million and 600 million, with the total reaching an estimated \$5.15 billion, said the Nihon Keizai Shinbun, a leading economic newspaper.

In its Saturday edition, it said a few other Japanese banks, including the Bank of Tokyo, Taiyo Kobe Bank and Mitsubishi Trust Bank, were expected to approve lending, notably KKR by Jan 17, the final deadline.

Chinese exports hit record \$40b

BEIJING, Jan 11. (AP): Chinese exports topped \$40 billion in 1988, setting a record and exceeding official targets by several billion dollars, the People's Daily reported today.

The newspaper quoted preliminary figures released by the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade as showing exports totalled \$40.1 billion and nearly 70 per cent of them were industrial finished products.

The ministry said the figure was not final and likely would rise slightly when more information came in from remote areas. It also said import figures had not been compiled yet.

Increase

The preliminary export total was up more than 16 per cent from 1987's \$34.6 billion. Although the increase was higher than planned, it was sharply lower than the 1987 increase of 28 per cent.

But the official newspaper, China Daily, quoted an unidentified ministry official as saying China's export performance was remarkable in view of increased competition on the world market.

Trade figures from the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade are always lower than figures released by the Customs Bureau, which uses a different method of calculation.

According to customs, exports totalled \$38.2 billion in 1987. Customs has not yet released its 1988 figures.

Plan to build ground station to improve links

BAHRAIN, Jan 11. (Reuter): Oman is planning a second ground station to be linked with the Atlantic satellite.

Noor Bin Mohammed Abdulrahman, chairman of Oman's Communication Council, told the newspaper Oman that the new station at Nazwa, south of Muscat, would ease pressure on the existing station in the capital.

Abdulrahman's statement, carried by the Omani News Agency, gave no details but said the sultanate had earmarked 36 million rials (\$9.2 million) to improve communications.

Stock markets celebrate '89 with a bang

New Year could usher in gloom and doom

LONDON, Jan 11. (Reuter): Share prices world-wide have begun 1989 with a powerfully, confounding the pundits who said the New Year could usher in gloom and doom and even a repeat of 1987's Black Monday crash.

Instead of mourning the death of Emperor Hirohito, Japanese investors have gone on a buying spree to celebrate a new imperial era, pushing the Tokyo Stock Market today to its third consecutive record high.

Notched up

Wall Street has not yet shaken off fears of higher US interest rates, but the Dow Jones Industrial Average has notched up new post-crash highs in the first few trading days of 1989.

And in Europe, the major Frankfurt and Paris markets have started strongly while the 'hot money' has been pouring into the Stockholm Bourse which surged yesterday to its highest ever.

"The markets are now beginning to wonder if they were right putting so much weight on the possibility of a world recession," said Giles Keating, chief econ-

omist at Credit Suisse First Boston in London.

But the question is, how long will it last?

The jitters have not been fully overcome and some markets, notably London and Paris, have been moving ahead partly because of a wave of speculative trading on the back of takeovers.

It is too early, economists say, to talk of a return to a world-wide 'bull' market in stocks and all the signs are that 1989 could be a volatile year. Investors are likely to face a severe test of nerves as industrial nations seek to co-ordinate dollar policy and the threat of higher interest rates remains.

But traders — who spent most of the past year shaking off the trauma of the world-wide crash in October 1987 — have found the markets this year far stronger than expected.

Wall Street's New Year rally has added just under 25 points to the Dow index, although the market has baulked at an advance past the psychological barrier of 2,200.

Yesterday, the Dow rose

above 2,200 but that triggered profit-taking that left the market down 6.25 at 2,193.21.

Traders say it is too early to dismiss worries of higher US interest rates which have haunted the market. The Federal Reserve is widely thought to have tightened monetary policy, but there is also relief that it has so far been treading carefully.

"They always say that the Fed takes away the punchbowl just when everybody is having fun," said Andrew Riley, strategist at Yamaichi International (America) Inc in New York.

"Well, they haven't taken the bowl away yet, but they've substituted fruit juice for the brandy."

Stamina

The January rally has shown some stamina. The Dow dropped 24 points on the first trading day of the year, sending shivers through the market. But when it caught its breath and rallied the next day, investors took heart, bought stocks and gave the index a 25.72-point advance for the first week of 1989.

The bounce back on the second day of trading was impor-

tant, Riley said. According to the stock trader's Almanac, the first five trading days in January, make up an early warning system, providing an accurate glimpse of how the market will perform in the remainder of the year.

"The outlook is for more volatility than in 1988. We see the Dow trading between 1,900 and 2,400," Carmine Grigoli, chief portfolio strategist at First Boston Co. said.

The buying spree in Tokyo confounded analysts who believed that Saturday's death of Emperor Hirohito could send the Japanese stock market into a tailspin.

"The near term incentive for a market rise is the beginning of a new era," said Jeff Bahrenburg, a market strategist at Merrill Lynch Japan Inc in Tokyo. "There was some holding back and selling during the emperor's illness."

That drove the closely-watched Nikkei average up 933.91 points or 3.09 per cent in three days of advances to record levels, ending with a rise of 136.94 to 31,143.45 today.

"There is strong economic

growth, strong growth in corporate earnings and expectations that interest rates will remain low, and this is good for the Tokyo Stock Market," said Gerhard Hinterhauser, assistant vice-president of research at DB Capital Markets (Asia) Ltd in Tokyo.

Tokyo's surge has pulled Hong Kong up in its wake, with the Hang Seng index reaching the third consecutive post-crash high today, adding 40.14 or 1.4 per cent to 2,872.52.

Boosted

In Europe, a wave of merger bids as companies jostle for position ahead of the 1992 creation of a single market has pulled markets in London and Paris higher, while economists say the dollar's New Year rally has also boosted sentiment for export-oriented companies.

The London FTSE 200 index has risen about 2.2 per cent from the end of last year although traders say the market is unlikely to advance much higher until it is clear that soaring consumer demand in Britain is tapering off and the threat of higher interest rates might recede.

S. Yemen approves joint exploration firm with N. Yemen

ADEN, Jan 11. (Reuter): South Yemen has approved the establishment of a joint company with North Yemen to develop an oil and mineral-rich region along their common border, local newspapers said today.

The new company will have a capital of \$10 million, with each country providing half, and will begin operating later this year, a government decree published in the newspapers said.

The firm has received bids from 32 international oil and mineral companies for contracts to explore a 2,200 square km tract in the Shabwa and Maarib regions, but none has been awarded yet, the newspapers said.

World Business Summary

Franco-Algerian gas deal involves big French credit

PARIS, Jan 11. (Reuter): France is to grant Algeria seven billion francs (\$1.1 billion) in credits in a move linked to a possible solution of a 2-1/2 year dispute over Algerian gas supplies. French government sources said. A protocol accord for four billion francs (\$650 million) of financial aid and a credit line of three billion (\$490 million) will be signed soon at government level. It was initiated in talks between French and Algerian government officials in Algiers this weekend, the sources said. A spokesman for the French gas supply group, Gaz de France, said progress was made at the talks and another meeting was due this week with Algerian state energy body, Sonatrach, at which a final deal could be signed. The gas supply dispute began in July 1986 when France refused to pay a premium on market prices demanded by Algeria under a 1985 supply contract. Since January 1987, Sonatrach has billed France at \$2.77 per million British thermal units (BTUs) while France has paid around \$1.97. The difference added up to an estimated bill of 3.5 billion francs (around \$550 million). The new formula is likely to be based on a price of \$2.20 per million BTUs plus a one-off back payment of 950 million francs (\$150 million) and the aid from the French government financial package.

Oil co-operation talks

MOSCOW, Jan 11. (OPECNA): A Kuwaiti oil mission is scheduled to hold talks on co-operation in the petroleum sector here today with officials of the Soviet Oil Ministry. According to KUNA, the Kuwait News Agency, the discussions will also involve a review of the projects jointly launched and implemented by the two countries. The Kuwaiti mission, which arrived here yesterday is headed by Abdalla Al Roami, deputy managing director for marketing affairs at the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation. Meanwhile, a Soviet oil delegation, to be led by Petroleum Industry Minister Vassily Dinkov, is to visit Kuwait early next month at the invitation of Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa. Diplomatic sources here said that the visit of the Soviet delegation to Kuwait reflected a desire on the part of Moscow to expand economic relations between the two countries.

US consumer debt grows by \$4.5b

WASHINGTON, Jan 11. (AP): Americans let their plastic credit cards do the purchasing in November, racking up \$4.5 billion more in consumer debt than they paid off at the holiday season approached, the government reports. The Federal Reserve Board — the US central bank — said on Monday that the November increase followed a jump of \$3.9 billion in October and a tiny \$2 million rise in September. November's increase represented an 8.2 per cent rise in the annual rate of credit growth, up from a 7.2 per cent pace in October. The November gain was pinned on brisk growth in the category of debt that includes credit cards, while auto loans grew at about the same rate as in October. "It's just another piece of evidence that consumers started to spend more for the holiday season," said Michael Evans, head of a Washington consulting firm. "Consumers became more optimistic about spending and about borrowing. For the moment, consumers are relatively satisfied with the way the economy is going."

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Phone: 232422, 231542

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Fax: (965)2407371

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condolences to
Dr Ziad Taky
Assistant
General
Manager,
The National Bank
of
Kuwait
at the time of the sad
demise of his
FATHER
on January 4, 1989.

WARNING
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NAME	LAST	LAPORTE	381.0	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	297.0	LASHO	494.0	BOOT HNR	372.0	373.0
ADT LTD	118.0	LEGAL+GEN	297.0	BR ARROW	106.0	105.0
ALD LYONS	447.0	LONRHO	351.0	BR ASSETS	70.4	70.4
AMSTRAD	166.0	LUCAS IND	534.0	BR VITA	220.0	219.0
ARGYLL GP	165.0	MAGNET	181.0	BRENT CHE	126.0	126.0
ASDA GP	130.5	MARSH+SP	155.0	BRITAIN WKR	340.0	340.0
BAA	267.5	MAXWELL C	193.0	BRITAIN SE	166.0	166.0
BTR	310.0	MB GROUP	271.0	BRITANNIC	323.0	320.0
BAT IND	450.0	MEPC	540.0	BRITON E	345.0	344.0
BARCLAYS	418.0	MIDLAND BK	416.0	BT GROUP	87.0	86.0
BASS	825.0	NEXT	132.0	CALEXON	317.0	316.0
BEAVER	184.0	NTT FOODS	276.0	CALIFORNIA	359.0	358.0
BECHERNS	485.0	P & O DFD	546.0	CALEDONIA	129.0	130.0
BERISFORD	408.0	PEARL	410.0	CALEN	116.0	116.0
BICC PLC	399.0	PEARSON	657.0	CAMP ELEC	233.0	233.0
BLUE ARR	91.0	PILKINGTON	221.5	CANFOR E	204.0	205.0
BLUE CIRC	446.0	PLESSY	225.0	CANNING W	197.0	196.0
BOC GP	425.0	POLY PEC	275.0	KEELING	154.0	156.0
BOOTS CO	237.0	RACAL ELC	290.0	KETSON	47.0	49.0
BPS IND	252.0	RACAL TEL	194.0	KIPLING	114.0	115.0
BR COMM	206.0	RANK HVS	360.0	KLMT CHR	119.0	119.4
BR AIRWAY	167.4	RANK ORG	722.0	KLMT D'S	132.4	134.0
BR AEROSP	464.0	RCKIT+CO	927.0	KLMT SRL	151.0	152.0
BR GAS RG	160.0	REDLAND	435.0	KLMT W	122.0	122.0
BR GAS RT	329.0	REED	372.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
B.P.	255.0	RTZ CORP.	447.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
BR STEEL	63.4	ROLLS ROY	138.5	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
BURHAN OL	497.0	ROTHMAN B	434.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
BURTON	174.0	ROYAL INS	392.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
CABLETEUR	365.0	SAATCHI	344.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
CABDURS	334.0	SAINTSBURY	204.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
CALON GRP	379.0	SCOT+NEW	398.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
CRILIT COM	680.0	SEARS	109.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
CRILIT R T	673.0	SEDEGWICK	257.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
COOKSONS	263.0	SELL	338.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
COURTAULD	276.0	SIEBE	413.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
DALGETY	310.0	SLUGGE ES	306.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
DIXONS	139.0	STD.CHART	507.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
ENG CHINA	466.0	STC	67.00	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
ENTER OIL	507.0	STORENSE	190.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
FKI BARCK	124.0	SUN ALLIA	997.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
FERRANTI	153.59	SUN LIFE	910.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
FISONS	42.25	TARNAC	233.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GATEWAY	163.0	TEATELYE	846.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GEN ACCID	866.0	TYLE WOOD	607.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GEN ELEC	213.0	TRAF HSE	293.5	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GLAXO	878.0	TSB	109.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GRANADA	332.0	T + H	167.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GLOBE	141.0	TRUSTHSE	255.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GLYNMED	267.2	ULTRAMAR	294.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GUARD RYL	183.0	UNILEVER	466.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GKN	311.0	UNIGATE	343.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
GUINNESS	328.0	UTD MNSPR	370.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
HIMMERS A	885.0	WELLCOME	432.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
HANSON	159.0	WHTBRI	302.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
HARRIS C	663.0	WILLIAMS	238.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
HICHER SID	562.0	WILLIS FB	235.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
HILLSDOWN	241.5	WIMPEY GE	288.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4
ICI	667.0	Woolworth	257.0	KLMT+P	103.0	103.4

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1498.8	1503.5	1502.0	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1033.5	1033.5	1031.2	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	947.66	947.66	945.52	926.59
FT GO SEC	87.18	87.18	86.90	87.03
FT GOLD MN	164.2	164.2	162.9	161.9
FT MINES F	579.95	579.95	580.19	565.31
FT OIL	1757.0	1757.0	1754.6	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	141.33	140.58	139.49	139.21
FT WLD STG	118.78	118.19	116.18	115.30
FT WLD LOC	126.00	125.36	124.27	123.40

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS RALLY AS WALL STREET STRUGGLES HIGHER

LONDON, JAN 11, REUTER - SHARES WERE RALLYING FROM THEIR Lows TO STAND MIXED BUT STEADY AS WALL STREET STRUGGLED TO RISE OVER THE KEY DOW JONES 2,200 LEVEL ONCE AGAIN.

DEALERS SAID THE NEW YORK AND LONDON MARKETS WERE SUFFERING FROM THE SAME LACK OF NEW FEATURES TO ENCOURAGE THEM HIGHER.

THE MARKET WAS ALSO OVERSHADOWED BY THE LACK OF A CONSORTIUM BID BY METSUN FOR GEC. "THE MARKET'LL GO SIDEWAYS UNTIL THE BID FOR GEC BECOMES A REALITY OR GEC'S OWN OFFER FOR PLESSY GETS THE GO-AHEAD," ONE DEALER SAID. BY 1600 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 0.9 POINT OFF AT 1835.1, AFTER A LOW OF 1830.4.

DEALERS SAID THE PROPOSED CONSORTIUM BID FOR GEC LED BY MERCHANT BANKERS LAZARD BROTHERS SEEMED TO BE FOUNDERING AFTER PRESS REPORTS TODAY THAT U.K. COMPUTER MAJOR STC WAS HAVING DOUBTS ABOUT JOINING THE BID.

STC IS SEEN AS VITAL TO THE BID'S CHANCES AND THE HESITATION SAW GEC SLIP 8P TO 212 WHILE STC SHARES GAINED 6P TO 268.

DEALERS NOW SAY A CONCRETE BID MUST EMERGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE GIVEN THAT A GOVERNMENT RULING IS EXPECTED ANY DAY ON GEC'S OWN 1.7 BILLION STG BID FOR PLESSY, BELIEVED TO BE ONE OF THE MAIN INSTIGATORS BEHIND THE CONSORTIUM. PLESSY WAS 1P HIGHER AT 227 THIS AFTERNOON.

Price/Commodity Markets

LONDON, JAN 11, REUTER - GOLD BULLION HELD JUST OFF SESSION LOWS IN LATE TRADING BUT CLOSED ONE DLR AN OUNCE DOWN ON YESTERDAY AT 403.00/403.50 DLRS AN OUNCE.

THIS COMPARED WITH AN OPENING OF 402.50/403.00 DLRS AND MORNING AND AFTERNOON FIXES OF 403.50 AND 403.80 DLRS RESPECTIVELY.

DEALERS SAID THE METAL CONTINUED TO FIND SHORTCOVERING INTEREST AROUND 402 DLRs AFTER EASING WHEN THE DOLLAR ROSE TO THREE-MONTH HIGHS AGAINST THE MARK. BUT RESISTANCE WAS SEEN AT 405 DLRs SINCE THE DOLLAR SLID BACK ON CONCERTED CENTRAL BANK INTERVENTION, THEY SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, JAN 11, REUTER - MONEY RATES WERE EASIER TOWARDS THE LONGER END IN RESPONSE TO STERLING'S STRENGTH. DEALERS SAID THAT STERLING FIRMED INITIALLY TODAY ON THE BACK OF THE DOLLAR'S RALLY AGAINST THE MARK. BUT WHEN THE DOLLAR LATER EASED, STERLING RETAINED STRENGTH BECAUSE OF ITS POSITIVE INTEREST RATE DIFFERENTIAL.

TRADING ACTIVITY WAS LIMITED, WITH OPERATORS AWAITING U.K. ECONOMIC DATA FOR INDICATION OF PROSPECTS FOR INTEREST RATES, DEALERS SAID.

THREE MONTH INTERBANK STERLING WAS 3/32 OF A POINT EASTER AT 13-5/32 3/32 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR	OPN
STG 1.7740/50	3.2435/75	11.0515/0630	NOON	
DKR 1.824/6324	3.238/252	29.255/415	FIX	
FFR 6.26/238	11.046/054	340.52/1.16	FIX	
SFR 1.5565/575	2.7612/7646	85.09/19	24.97/25.00	1300
NFL 2.0645	3.6620	112.915	FIX	
ECU 1.3912	.642298	2.08367	7.10125	CLOSE
SDR 1.32711	0.750925	2.42662	8.26524	CLOSE
TEN 126.25/35	225.93/4.25	-----	-----	NOON
SDR RATE	10/01/1989	OTHERS	11/01/1989	

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 12-13, 1989

International Bond Highlights

LONDON Today's sterling floating rate note for the Britannia Building Society has been increased to 125 min stg from the initial 100 min, lead manager Hamburg Bank Ltd said. (XLCB 1833)
London Nippon Credit Finance NV is issuing a 200 min dir Eurobond due Feb 22, 1993 paying 9.78 pct and priced at 101-14 pct, lead manager Nippon Credit International Ltd said. (XKVG 0811)
London Scandinavian Airlines Systems is issuing a 200 min dir Eurobond due Feb 27, 1993 paying 10 pct and priced at 101-14 pct, Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (XKVM 0823)
London The Oeuvre Kreditbanken is issuing a 100 min dir Eurobond due Feb 9, 1994 paying 10 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Salomon Brothers International said. (XKWW 1014)
London Comstar Capital Corporation is issuing a 115 min Australian dir Eurobond due Feb 9, 1990 paying 15-1/4 pct and priced at 101.15 pct, Salomon Brothers International said. (XKWW 0823)
London La Caisse Centrale Des Depots et Des Conserves is issuing a 100 min Canadian dir Eurobond due Jan 27, 1994 paying 11-1/8 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (XKWL 0911)
London This morning's dollar straight Eurobond by Mitsubishi Trust Finance Asia Ltd has been increased to 120 min dir from the initial 100 min due to good demand for the deal, lead manager Bankers Trust International Ltd said. (XLBX 1611)
London Sumitomo Forestry Co Ltd is issuing a 150 min dir equity Eurobond due Feb 9, 1993 with an indicated coupon of 4-5/8 pct and priced at par, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said. (XKZN 1101)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDM 13 12-7/8	13-1/8 1/16	13-5/32 1/8
FFT 5.20/25	5.45/55	5.55/65
PAR 8-1/4 3/8	8-3/8 1/2	8-7/16 9/16
ZUR 4-3/8 5-1/2	5-1/4 5-1/2	5-1/4 5-1/2
BRX 6.35	7-3/8 7/16	7-9/16 5/8
ROM 11-1/4 11-3/4	11-1/2 12	11-1/16 12
AHS 5.62/75	5.80/90	5.92/92
TKD 3.6875 7500	4.1875 2500	4.4375 5000
ECU 7.62 7.87	7.87 8.00	8.06 8.18

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7-5/8	8-1/8
3 months	7-7/8	8-5/16
6 months	7-15/16	8-3/8
1 year	7-7/8	8-3/8

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	78.50	78	77.50	NICO	620	610	620
ACC 339	340	329	GRASTM	56.25	55.50	55.50	MUKAND	96	98	95
ASIA PAINT 220	220	218.75	GSFC	81	82.50	82.50	NOCIL	810	815	805
BAJAJ AUTO 407.50	407.50	406.25	HIND LEVER	151.25	152.50	147.50	ORKAY	28	27.50	27
BAR. RAYON 325	330	320	HINDALCO	73.50	73.50	72.50	PEICO	26	25	26
BOM. DYING 121	123	125.50	HINDCOCA	108.75	108.75	108.75	PRE-AUTO	48	48	46.50
BR. BOND 105	107	105	HINDMOTOR	28.75	28.50	29.25	RAYMOND	72.25	72.50	73.50
BSE INDEX 658.45	658.45	658.45	IND ORG	45	45	44	RELIANCE	161	143.50	141
CENTURYSPOG 1370	1380	1335	INDRAYON	85	85.50	84.50	SIEMENS	85	86	84
COLGATE 312.50	313.75	307.50	INDROR	242.50	242.50	254	SPIC	54.75	55	53.75
DEEPAKERT 44	45.30	44	ITC	48	47	48	SHILLIPS	250	260	260
EL. HOTEL 57.50	55	57.50	JKSYNTH	85	86.50	85.50	TATA PWR	--	--	--
ESKAYEF 140	141.25	140	L AND T	126	125.50	124.50	TATACHEM	109	108.50	110
ESSAR 25.25	25.75	25.50	MAHINDRA	86	86.50	84	TELCO	712.50	710	705
GAR. POLY 93	91.25	86.25	MASTERSHR	16.50	16.75	16.25	TISCO	1147.5	1147.5	1140
GE.SHIP 39.65	40	39.25	MATHER PL	60	60	61.25	VOLTAS	520	505	520

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUBI CP	1480	1480	MITSUBI EL	1080	1100	MITSUBI EST	2690	2690	NICCO	620	610	620
AEG 197.9	199.0	AIJINMOTO 2960	2960	AIJINMOTO	2960	2960	MITSUBI HVG	1110	1110	MITSUBI HVG	1110	1110	MITSUBI HVG	810	815	805
ALLIANZ VR 1921.0	1922.0	AKAI ELEC 680	680	AKAI ELEC	680	680	MITSU CO	1060	1060	MITSU CO	1060	1060	MITSU CO	810	815	805
BADENWERK 0	180.0	AOKI 1090	1090	AOKI	1090	1090	MITSUKOSHI	2250	2220	MITSUKOSHI	2250	2220	MITSUKOSHI	1010	1010	1000
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SPORTS

SHRIVER REACHES NSW OPEN QUARTERFINALS

Navratilova sails past Temesvari

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan 11. (AP): World No. 2 Martina Navratilova beat Hungarian Andrea Temesvari 6-2 6-4 today in a second-round match at the \$350,000 New South Wales Open tennis championships.

Navratilova, the top seed, said she was pleased to win her first tournament match since the Virginia Slims Championships in New York last November. Each of the top eight women's seeds received byes through the first round.

"I'm a little behind in my preparation ... because I sprained my ankle playing tennis last week. That put me back four days and I have also had a cold since I arrived here," Navratilova said.

Former

A three-time winner of the New South Wales tournament, Navratilova will face South African Dinky van Rensburg on Sydney's White City courts tomorrow.

Temesvari, a former top 10 representative, was playing her second match after being sidelined for almost two years



Navratilova sends a backhand return to Temesvari. (Reuter wirephoto)

through injury.

The women's event is being run in conjunction with a 32-draw Nabisco Grand Prix mens

second seed, Pam Shriver was the first player into the quarterfinals

today with a 6-2 6-3 victory over Japan's Etsuko Inoue.

Ninth-seeded Hana Mandlikova scored the second victory of her comeback to move into the third round by beating Frasoe's Nathalie Herremans 6-3 6-3 and 16th-seeded Terry Phelps of the United States beat sixth-seeded Italian Rafaella Reggi, 6-3 7-5.

American Mary Joe Fernandez, 17, lived up to her fourth seeding by downing tough New Zealander Belinda Cordwell 6-3 6-0.

In other second-round matches, No. 5 seed Patty Fendick of the United States, beat Czechoslovakia's Petra Langrova 6-2 6-3 and South Africa's Dinky van Rensburg beat American Ann Henrickson, a past finalist, 6-3 5-7 6-4.

Eleventh-seeded Austrian Judith Wiesner beat Australian Anne Minter, the seventh seed, 7-5 6-3.

In men's second-round matches, sixth-seed Christo van Rensburg of South Africa beat Soviet player Alexander Volkov 7-6 (7-3) 7-6 (7-3) today.

Two qualifiers upset higher

ranked opponents in second round matches. Czechoslovak Libor Nemec, ranked 333 in the world, downed eighth-seeded Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden 6-3 6-1 6-1. Olivier Delaune of France, playing his sixth Grand Prix event, beat Australian Jason Stoltenberg, 18, 7-6 (10-8) 6-2.

The tournament continues through Sunday.

Results

Men's first round: Bruno Oresar (Yugoslavia) beat Joakim Nyström (Sweden) 6-4 6-0; Wally Masur (Australia) beat Patrick Kuhnen (West Germany) 6-3 5-7 6-4.

Men's second round: Libor Nemec (Czechoslovakia) beat Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) 3-6 6-1 6-1; Christo van Rensburg (South Africa) beat Alexander Volkov (Soviet Union) 7-6 (7-3) 6-1 (7-3).

Women's second round: Anne Minter (Australia) beat Laura Golarska (Italy) 6-2 6-3; Judith Wiesner (Austria) beat Mary Jo Fenderick (Australia) 6-1 6-4; Mary Jo Fenderick (USA) beat Belinda Cordwell (New Zealand) 6-3 6-0; Dinky van Rensburg (South Africa) beat Ann Henrickson (USA) 7-5 6-3; Martina Navratilova (USA) beat Andrea Temesvari (Hungary) 6-2 6-4; Hana Mandlikova (Austria) beat Nathalie Herremans (France) 6-3 6-2.

Women's third round: Terry Phelps (USA) beat Rafaella Reggi (Italy) 6-3 7-5; Pam Shriver (USA) beat Etsuko Inoue (Japan) 6-2 6-3.

Bruno anxious to get on with title fight against Tyson

king about is the title. I can't afford to let distractions bother me."

Bruno, who stands to earn up to \$5 million from the fight, said he and Tyson were sparring partners several years ago and he knows his style well.

"You get to know the guy's instincts, his tendencies. He tries to intimidate you. When we were sparring, he always would tell me about who he had knocked out. I don't get intimidated," Bruno said.

Meanwhile, Tyson defended his promoter Don King yesterday as a recently discovered friend.

"I'm more independent now in my first few months with Mr King than I ever was with Bill Cayton or (the late) Jimmy Jacobs," Tyson said. "Basically, he's helping me blossom into a man."

Tyson said he had heard other fighters complain that they had money stolen from them by King, but dismissed their complaints and said that King has always treated him fairly.

The champion was grilled about his relationship with King during the second day of a deposition Tyson gave in a lawsuit filed in an attempt to break his contract with Cayton.

Tyson said his distrust of King changed last spring as he was going through marital difficulties with Givens and managerial problems with Cayton.

Developed

"I didn't get any support from anyone but Mr King," Tyson said. "About the (Michael) Spinks fight was when I got to know him well and we developed our friendship."

Tyson was in an adjoining room with reporters watching Tyson give his deposition via closed circuit television. The flamboyant promoter calls himself Tyson's "adviseur."

Tyson discounted claims by other fighters, including former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, that King didn't act in their best interest and took money from them.

"Larry Holmes is a rich man and now he can say anything he wants," Tyson said.

Imtiaz takes Awami past Punjab



Waheed: Man of the Match

Bombay score easy victory over New Star

BOMBAY Youth Cricket Club slammed New Star Cricket Club by six wickets in a friendly match at the Yarmouk ground earlier this week.

New Star elected to bat, after winning the toss, and opened their innings through Dinesh and Pradeep who put on 23 runs for the first wicket before the latter was out for 12.

Dinesh hammered 42 and Praveen hit 19 as New Star were all out for 131 in the 22nd over.

For Bombay, Waheed and Shakesh took two wickets each while Jawad, Assad and Yaqoub got one each.

Repaired

In reply, Bombay lost both the openers cheaply but Waheed and Shakesh repaired the damage by putting on 61 runs for the third wicket. Shakesh scored 33, Waheed 39, Yaqoub 19 and Assad remained unbeaten on 13 as Bombay got the required runs by the 21st over for the loss of four wickets.

For New Star, Mossadiq took two wickets while Pradeep got one. Waheed took the Man of the Match award.

Imtiaz takes Awami past Punjab



Imtiaz Hussain

AWAMI Cricket Club crushed Punjab Farwania by 85 runs in a Morning Star Trophy cricket tournament match at the Morning Star ground earlier this week.

Batting first, Awami opened their innings through Mustafa and Latif who put on 87 runs for the first wicket. After getting a good start Awami went on to score 191 for the loss of five wickets in the 25 allotted overs.

Imtiaz Hussain was the top scorer for Awami with 63 runs. He hit two sixes and seven fours. He got some good support from Mustafa and Latif who hit 51 and 35 respectively.

Reach

Murtaza with 20 and Shakesh 18 were the other Awami batsmen to reach the double figures. For Punjab, Raza took two wickets.

Punjab, in reply, had no answer to the Awami bowling and the whole side was out for only 105 in 20.5 overs. Bashir top-scored with 22 runs.

Shakesh did the most damage, taking three wickets while Imtiaz and Latif got two wickets each. Sohail and Tariq took one wicket each. Imtiaz was named Man of the Match.

The Awami bowlers were helped by some good fielding by all the squad, which not only held all their catches but also made the Punjab batsmen wary of going for risky singles.

All the Awami bowlers stuck to their task and bowled an immaculate line and length, not allowing the Punjab batsmen to get on top of them.

Hilti defeat Gulf Group

HILTI Cricket Club scored a 68-run victory over Gulf Group in a Lions Trophy match at the Yarmouk ground earlier this week.

Batting first, Hilti scored 192 for the loss of five wickets in the 25 allotted overs. Skipper Dilbar was the top scorer with 69. He hit eight fours.

Wickets

The other Hilti batsmen to do well were Fazal with 54, Abuze 21 and Naveed 22. For Gulf Group, Jalil took two wickets.

Gulf Group found the going tough and could only score 124 for seven. Jalil hit 30 and Mohammed 33. For Hilti, Naveed took three wickets for nine runs while Mustafa got two.



Johnson: fell foul of the drug laws

seek to profit from their use.

"We are aiming to make sport as clean as possible," Beckett said.

"Testing is a deterrent and that should be its emphasis — not getting highly excited over a positive."

"And athletes need protection

from those around them, like doctors and coaches," he added. "Children in their teens will often do things because their coaches tell them. There are stories about youngsters being given so-called vitamins which were in fact anabolic steroids."

"We've got to look at the situation

and attempt to protect. We ought to aim to try and deal with those who are pushing this problem. The IOC have always said that if we have the evidence that we will act against anybody."

The Seoul Games were marred by 10 positive dope tests which resulted in disqualification — a figure Beckett claims proved the IOC's policies of deterrence are working.

Beckett: "That doesn't mean that misuse is not occurring beforehand. But at any major event, it would only be a fool who would be on drugs that we could detect."

Beckett is quick to concede that the drug cheats in sport will never be beaten. "I don't envisage drug-free sport — just like I don't envisage a drug-free society," he said. But he claims the authorities have the technology and the techniques to contain drug abuse.

Eradicating the use of anabolic steroids, usually taken out of season to promote muscle growth, has become Beckett's main objective with year-round testing his main weapon.

"Random testing will play a key role, especially in the steroid field," said the founder and former director of London's Drug Control and Teaching Centre, who also sits on the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) medical committee.

"Random testing will prevent the escalation of drug abuse and dramatically reduce the present

level of misuse. In fact without it, there's not too much point in doing testing at any big event."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Marathon race

LONDON, Jan 11, (UPI): Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway looks unlikely to defend her London marathon title on April 23. She is expected to run in the Boston marathon which is being held on April 17. Kristiansen set the world record when she won the London in 2 hours 21 minutes 6 seconds in 1985.

Paraguay player

VALENCIA, Spain, Jan 11, (UPI): Paraguayan international soccer forward Carlos Martinez Diarte said today he will probably return home next month to play with First Division side Olimpia de Asuncion.

Spanish club

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan 11, (UPI): Spanish First Division soccer club Espanol has notified Dynamo Kiev that the Soviet team has until the end of the month to decide if it will transfer World Cup player Vasili Rats, club officials said yesterday.

Carl Lewis

MADRID, Jan 11, (UPI): American Olympic champion Carl Lewis will compete in the 60-metre dash at an indoor track meet in Spain February 10 in his seasonal debut in European competition, organisers said yesterday.

Slalom event

STOCKHOLM, Jan 11, (UPI): The Swedish Alpine Skiing Association plans to arrange a sprint-slalom competition with the toughest competitors from slalom to coincide with Ingemar Stenmark 16 years in the World Cup when he finishes his career this spring.

Sergei Bubka

STOCKHOLM, Jan 11, (UPI): Olympic champion and world record holder Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union is currently trying out a new Swedish pole in an attempt to vault over his dream height of 6.20 metres.

Jan Moller

STOCKHOLM, Jan 11, (UPI): Former Swedish international Jan Moller has been offered a three-month contract with Dutch soccer club Feyenoord to substitute injured goalkeeper Johannes Heile, Swedish daily Expressen reported yesterday.

Under-16 soccer

GLASGOW, Scotland, Jan 11, (AP): Ibrox stadium, one of the biggest and best-known soccer grounds in Britain, will host the final of the World Under-16 Soccer Championships this summer, it was announced today.

Primo Nebiolo

ROME, Jan 11, (AP): Primo Nebiolo said yesterday he is the victim of a "personal and political feud" by Italian sports officials who are envious of the sensational development of track and field he has promoted over the past decade.

Saudi players

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Jan 11, (AP): The Saudi Arabian Soccer Federation announced yesterday that its players henceforth would sport T-shirts emblazoned with the words "No to drugs."

Cycling team

ELCHE, Spain, Jan 11, (UPI): Spain's Kelme cycling team is negotiating to sign three Soviets for the upcoming season, team manager Rafael Carrasco announced today.

Prize money

LIVERPOOL, England, Jan 11, (AP): A three-day series of steeplechases surrounding the famed Grand National in early April will offer at least a record £341,000 (£500,000) in prize money, a 9 per cent increase from last year.

Dutch cyclist

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Jan 11, (UPI): Dutch pro cyclist Gert-Jan Theunisse fractured his foot during training in France, a PDM team official said yesterday.

Austrian skier

KIRCHBERG, Austria, Jan 11, (UPI): Veteran Austrian skier Hans Ehn was an early victim in the men's World Cup Giant Slalom yesterday. The 30-year-old, who has been a regular figure in the "white circus" since 1975, went out on the top half of the course. He was to be transported to the Innsbruck University clinic with suspected ruptured left knee ligaments as soon as fog had made the flight possible.

Giant slalom

KIRCHBERG, Austria, Jan 11, (UPI): "Blackout" joked Austrian skier Berhard (Benni) Gstrein after he failed to complete the first leg of yesterday's World Cup Giant Slalom.

DERBY OVERCOME SOUTHAMPTON

Kettering upset Halifax

LONDON, Jan 11, (Reuters): Minor League side Kettering earned a plumb tie against First Division Charlton when they came from behind to beat Halifax 3-2 in their English FA Cup third round replay yesterday.

Robbie Cooke, the former Millwall striker, followed his two goals against Bristol Rovers in the previous round with two more strikes as Kettering emulated the feat of Sutton, another Minor League side, who put out 1987 FA Cup winners Coventry on Saturday.

Cooke netted his goals in a 12-minute spell either side of half-time after Fourth Division Halifax had recovered from the shock of conceding a fourth minute goal to lead 2-1 after half an hour.

Rammed

He forced home a Richard Brown free kick after 38 minutes and then rammed home an Enrie Moss centre five minutes into the second half.

Steve Foley, whose 88th minute goal earned Swindon a draw at Portsmouth on Saturday, scored again in the replay to help his side to a 2-0 win and a home tie against either First Division leaders Arsenal or West Ham.

A spectacular long-range goal by Nigel Callaghan six minutes into extra time against Southampton secured Derby only their second FA Cup victory in five years.

Hosts Southampton had much the better of the third round replay but paid the price



Mirandinha: first goal since Oct 26

for a series of missed chances.

Brazilian Mirandinha scored his first goal since Oct 26 when he converted a second half penalty for Newcastle in their replay

against Watford. But Neil Red-

feare's two goals earned the Second Division club a 2-2 draw after extra time.

Kevin Brock was Newcastle's other scorer.

Meanwhile, English First Div-

ision soccer club Southampton today completed the signing of Yugoslav defender Milos Drizic from Rad Belgrade for \$450,000.

Southampton manager Chris Nicholl, who hopes that a work permit for the player will be processed within a week, described Drizic as "the biggest professional I have ever seen."

Drizic, 28, has won three full international caps for Yugoslavia.

Second Division Chelsea have agreed to pay a club record fee of \$1.5 million for Newcastle's former Wimbledon goalkeeper Dave Beasant.

Newcastle manager Jim Smith agreed the deal with Chelsea manager Bobby Campbell last night.

Campbell still has to agree personal terms with Beasant, who has won a place in the England squad this season.

Results
English Football Association (FA) Cup third round replays

Brentford 1 - Walsall 0
Brentford home to Manchester City in the fourth round)

Halifax 2 - Kettering 3
(Kettering away to Charlton)

Southamp 1 - Derby 2
(Derby away to Newcastle or Watford)

Swindon 2 - Portsmouth 0
(Swindon home to West Ham or Arsenal)

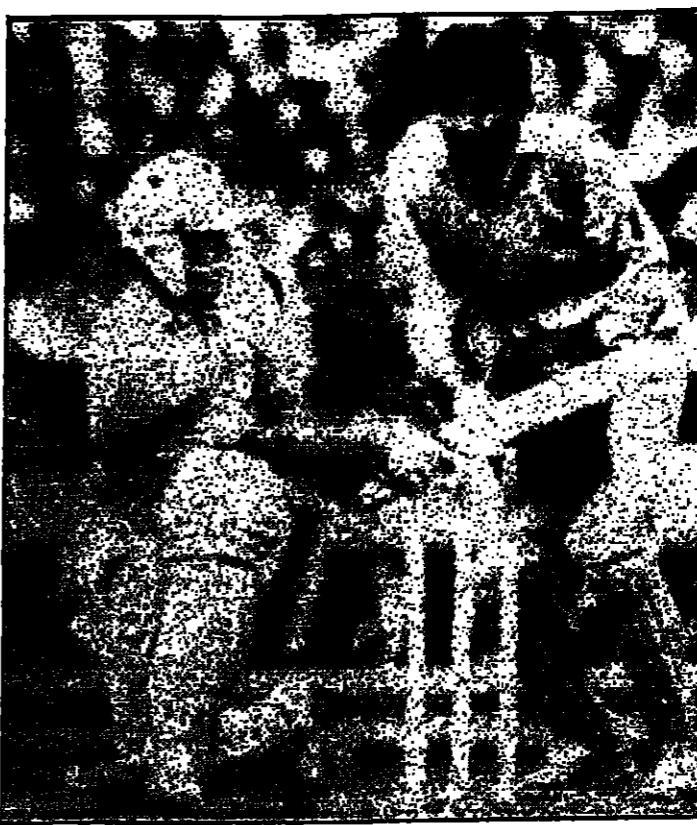
Watford 2 - Newcastle 2
(Winners home to Derby)

English Division Three

Wolverham 2 - Cardiff 0

English Division Four

Doncaster 1 - Carlisle 3



Australian opening batsman Geoff Marsh sweeps a delivery from Abdul Qadir as wicketkeeper Aamer Malik watches. Marsh helped Australia win Tuesday's match and knock Pakistan out of the World Series Cup. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pakistani team to begin New Zealand tour early

WELLINGTON, Jan 11, (Reuters): Pakistan, knocked out of Australia's triangular World Series Cup yesterday, will begin their New Zealand cricket tour early and an extra game has been scheduled.

The New Zealand Cricket Council today said it has included an extra match in Pakistan's programme because the visitors would arrive on Friday, a week earlier than planned.

The three-day match against a national Second XI competition selection will start in New Plymouth on Jan 18.

The two-month tour includes three Test matches and four one-day internationals.

NZCC president Barry Paterson said meanwhile that New Zealand was concerned about an amendment to Pakistan's bid to stage the 1991 World Cup.

"They are seeking the amend-

ment after the (Nov 10) deadline and after having seen our bid and that isn't really acceptable," Paterson told reporters.

New Zealand submitted a joint bid with Australia in competition with Pakistan's offer. He said Pakistan had amended their own package after seeing the New Zealand-Australian bid and set about wooing associate-members of the International Cricket Conference to secure votes.

Paterson said Pakistan were attempting to arrange a meeting of the 18 associate-members.

"We know that they are trying to arrange a meeting before Jan 23 but we don't know where and when they intend to have it," he said.

"We are confident, but ultimately the 18 associate-members and seven Test countries vote on it," Paterson said.

African Player of the Year disappears

BRUSSELS, Jan 11, (UPI): Zambian Kalusha Bwalya, African Footballer of the Year for 1988, failed to report back to his Belgian First Division soccer club Cercle Bruges after playing in a World Cup qualifier in Morocco.

A club official, who declined to be named, said today that left-winger Kalusha was expected to report back on Monday, one day after the match which Zambia lost 1-0.

"We don't know where he is," the official said. "We just cannot tolerate it."

He said it was too soon to say Kalusha would be disciplined.

Kalusha, 25, who shot to fame when he scored three goals for Zambia against Italy in the Seoul Olympics, was due to play for Cercle Bruges in an indoor tournament in Ghent, Belgium, starting today.

Cash edges McEnroe

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 11, (AP): Australian Pat Cash, unleashing a mixture of brilliance and blunders, beat long-time idol John McEnroe in straight sets in the opening match of the Rio International Tennis Challenge at Adelaide's Memorial Drive courts today.

Cash accounted for the 29-year-old American 7-6 6-4 in the robin-match of the exhibition event, which several big name players are using as a warm-up for the Australian Open in Melbourne next week.

In an often tense encounter, Cash emerged superior despite serving up a mixed bag of nine thundering aces and 11 double faults.

Cash took the first set in a tie-breaker 7-5 after fighting back following McEnroe's service break in the opening game.

Piggott has no plan to stay in Ireland

DUBLIN, Jan 11, (Reuters): Lester Piggott's daughter has firmly quashed speculation that the legendary British jockey plans to move to Ireland as a trainer.

His daughter Tracey, in Dublin to accept a Hall of Fame award to Piggott from Irish breeders, said yesterday: "There is definitely no truth in the rumour my father is coming to stay in Ireland."

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Cup game held on Tuesday: N/S

1. Weinert & Sherrie
2. Shah & Zahoor
3. Tabb & Medari

E/W

1. Ravi & Inam
2. Darke & Babine
3. G.N.R. & Mason

A marathon bridge session will be held at Sheraton Hotel tomorrow at 3.00 pm.

RESULTS of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday:

1. Randa Firas & Ghada Sarraf
2. Irene Shaub & Fatima Abu-Jahla
3. Nahla Akeel & Lollo Mardwah

US surprise Argentina

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Jan 11, (AP): The United States upset Argentina 3-1 and Brazil overcame Paraguay 5-1 in the opening Group B matches of the inaugural Indoor World Championship yesterday.

In Group I games, Belgium beat Italy 5-1 and the Netherlands and Hungary drew 3-3 in their opening matches.

The United States, coming back with three goals in the second half, scored the upset of the tournament against favoured Argentina.

"It is not surprising to me but it is surprising to a lot of people here," said coach John Kowalski.

The South Americans dominated the first half, relying on their better skills and cooler nerves when they exploited slack marking to score the first goal through Juan Avalos.

Kimbball pleads guilty

TAMPA, Florida, Jan 11, (AP): Olympic driver Bruce Kimball changed his mind an hour into his trial and pleaded guilty today to drunken driver manslaughter after he smashed his car into a group of teenagers in August, killing two and injuring four others.

The athlete pleaded guilty to two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol, manslaughter and three counts of causing great bodily injury while driving under the influence.

The state dismissed two counts of culpable manslaughter because the defendant can only

als and Sunday's final will both be at the 7,000-capacity Ahoy Hall here.

Hungary trailed 2-0 after less than a minute but kept their cool afterwards and with classy combination play came back to draw 3-3.

Hungary was caught cold by the Dutch, who scored on their opening move through Andre Bakker and half a minute later captain Vic Hermans punished a blunder by the goalie with a second goal. "Victory was there for the taking," said Dutch coach Ron Groenewoud. But they didn't.

Brazil took a firm option on the semifinals, blasting pre-tournament favourite Paraguay 5-1, which never had a chance. Benatti, Marquinhos and Atila put the match beyond doubt by half-time.

Brazil further improved on its goal aggregate with goals by Neimar and Adilio.

The winner of each group plays the runner-up of the other group on Saturday. The semifim-

Buyo suspended for one more match

MADRID, Jan 11, (Reuters): Real Madrid goalkeeper Francisco Buyo was given an additional one-match ban by the Spanish Football Federation yesterday for unsporting behaviour during a League match against Atletico Madrid last month.

The suspension, which means Buyo will miss Real's League match at home to Malaga was imposed after an appeal by Atletico against the original ruling that he be banned for three matches and fined 183,000 pesetas (\$1,620), Fugate said.

The rule, if passed by the IAAF congress, would be a blow to twice world cross country champion Zola Budd's plans to return to Britain.

South African-born Budd moved to Britain in 1984 and competed in the Los Angeles Olympics in the same year after being granted a British passport.

But she never broke her links with South Africa and last year the IAAF demanded she be banned after allegations that she had been associated with competitions in her native country.

A British inquiry to consider the IAAF demand was set up, but Budd returned to South Africa before she could be called on to give evidence.

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